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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, APRIL 23, 2012 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Mayor Barra requested a Moment of Silence in memory of U.S. Army Sgt. Dean Shaffer who died in Afghanistan on April 19, 2012. His body would be returned to Pekin fro funeral procession.

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

AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that **the agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, McCabe, Hendricks, Massaglia, Barra; Nay, Schmidgall. Motion Carried.

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

PUBLIC INPUT
Jim Mangan, 1200 Parkway Drive, addressed Council in regards to having the Teamster Agreement on the agenda. He urged the Council not to vote on an item before the taxpayers knew the details of the action that would take place. He indicated his support of fair salary compensation but not excess pay to union employees that the taxpayers can't afford.

Garnet Meischner, 1401 Janssen, in reference to a proclamation – Stand Against Racism, questioned why racism is brought up. He felt the topic was better left alone.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** Mayor Barra noted the contents of the "Stand Against Racism" proclamation and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Police Department March Report.
7.2 Receive and File Proclamations: National Youth Week May 7-12, 2012 Stand Against Racism April 27, 2012
7.3 Receive and File Pekin Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes April 11, 2012
7.4 Resolution No. 37-11/12 – Appointment of Roger Goodson to the Human Rights Committee to fill the unexpired term of Kristie Peterson until May 2014.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the Council move to Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining. On roll call vote,

Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, McCabe, Hendricks, Massaglia, Barra; Nay, Schmidgall. Motion Carried.

Council returned to open session at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and all Council Members were physically present.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that the agenda be amended and remove item 9.1 Teamster Agreement Local No. 627. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2657-11/12
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VOLUME CAP IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES AND RELATED MATTERS.

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that Ordinance No. 2657-11/12 be adopted. Economic Development Director Pamela Anderson informed the Council that the ordinance authorized an agreement to issue Mortgage Credit Certificates to provide the Assist Program. The bond issue ordinance was adopted at the March 12, 2012 Council meeting. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member McCabe that the **ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH MIDWEST ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. for the Storm Water Drainage Study and Proposed Improvements in the amount of $15,750.00** be approved. City Engineer Michael Guerra addressed the scope of services for the Broadmoor Heights and Park Ridge subdivision drainage area to determine the cause of several erosion and flooding issues. He indicated the contract also provided structure for services and cost estimate for an additional study for Cambridge/Shire storm water drainage system. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

BOND DISCUSSION
Assistant City Manager, Darin Girdler, presented a summary of information regarding the proposed FY 2012 Bond Financing for capital items and other projects totaling $6,155,000. He recommended with interest rates at such levels and the City's favorable credit rating and financial condition that the City was in the perfect position to take advantage of the situation. Discussion followed on the proposal to allocate the proceeds from the bond issue. Additional details were discussed on replacement of several trucks, equipment, and fire apparatus projected at $2,305,000. Council was informed that the estimated $750,000 prepayment of Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund- IMRF Early Retirement Incentive Program-ERI would need to be a taxable loan issue; the added Road Extension Project of $1,100,000 would improve the economic development future of the Veteran Drive Corridor; and a separately funded $2,000,000 PEDIF would eliminate loan dependence based on reserves fund availability. Each Council member spoke in support or addressed their unfavorable concerns. Mayor Barra felt the items proposed represented core service expenditures expressed by Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Council Member Hendricks congratulated Fred and Sharon Altman, recipients of Eureka College Presidential Service Award. He also pledged to improve reported figures from The Illinois Policy Institute's recent study involving government transparency level of Pekin's current website.

Mayor Barra encouraged the public's attendance at the Annual AMBUCS Action on Friday, May 4 and at PCHS Dragon Pride Event on May 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the high school.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point, read a mythical bed time story he wrote to present his continued request for the community to cleanup Court Street.

Scott Jackson, 1410 Del Ray, and member of Artistic Theater, encouraged community attendance at the troop's production *Murder and Mystery*. He also spoke in support of Saving West Campus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) Sale of Municipally Owned Property. 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 MaCabe, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall to adjourn. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT7:8:05 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk