

**MINUTES
NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE CIVIC COMPLEX
401 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

APRIL 19, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of East Peoria, Illinois was called to order by his Honor Mayor John P. Kahl presiding at 6:00 P.M. with proper notice having been given.

Upon the roll being called the following answered present: Mayor John P. Kahl, Commissioner Daniel S. Decker, Commissioner Mark E. Hill, Commissioner Seth D. Mingus, and Commissioner Michael L. Sutherland.

Absent: None.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Hill.

Mayor Kahl led the Council and the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 19, 2022 be approved as printed.

Yeas: Commissioner Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Mayor Kahl proclaimed April 2022 as "Illinois Central College Month" and presented the proclamation to Bruce Budde, Executive Vice President from Illinois Central College ("ICC"). Mr. Budde thanked the City for helping ICC over the years. He explained that this year will be his 30th year with ICC and ICC has collaborated with City leaders over that time. On behalf of the Trustees and President, Mr. Budde accepted the proclamation and thanked the city council and partnership and collaboration. Mayor Kahl mentioned meeting with Senator Durbin and ICC regarding workforce and what ICC has done for workforce.

Mayor Kahl stated if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak on any items on the agenda to come to the podium and state the matter or matters to be discussed. There was no response.

Mayor Kahl explained that Ordinance Number 4644 related to a Special Use at 400 Fondulac Drive has been pulled for future consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:

Mayor Kahl asked if any Commissioner wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. There was no response.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move to adopt a consent agenda consisting of items numbered 1 through 11 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

Item Number 1 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-145 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 23 in the amount of \$2,065,233.72.

Item Number 2 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4641 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REGULATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS UNDER THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE.)

Item Number 3 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4642 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING REGULATIONS IN TITLE 5 OF THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE FOR SPECIAL USES ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS TO INCLUDE BEEKEEPING IN LIMITED SITUATIONS.)

Item Number 4 - Adoption of Resolution No. 2122-133 on its Second Reading – Resolution Approving Software Licensing Agreement for the City’s Geographical Information System (GIS System).

Item Number 5 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-131 on its Second Reading – Resolution approving a Cabinet Ground Lease Agreement with the Emergency Telephone System Board at EastSide Centre.

Item Number 6 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-126 on its Second Reading - Resolution Authorizing Fourth Amendment to Lease Agreement with Accelerated Health Systems.

Item Number 7 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-128 on its Second Reading - Resolution accepting the Proposal from Cornwell Engineering Group for a Corrosion Control Study within the Valley View Knolls Water System.

Item Number 8 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4643 on its Second Reading – (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 1.11 OF THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE TO AMEND THE POLICY OF FORGIVENESS FOR INTERNAL WATER LEAKS.)

Item Number 9 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-127 on its Second Reading - Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and International Association of Fire Fighters Local Number 1498 regarding Paramedic Bonus at Time of Hire.

Item Number 10 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-129 on its Second Reading - Resolution approving the Purchase of 10 Laptops (8 Laptops for the Fire Department) for the City of East Peoria from SHI.

Item Number 11 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-130 on its Second Reading - Resolution approving the New Radio System Upgrade Purchase from Motorola Solutions for the Police Department.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Items numbered 1 through 11 listed on the Consent Agenda be hereby approved and adopted, the items numbered 2 through 11 having been read once by their title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection be adopted as presented.

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Item Number 11 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-130 on its Second Reading - Resolution approving the New Radio System Upgrade Purchase from Motorola Solutions for the Police Department. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and the items adopted by omnibus vote designation.

Resolution No. 2122-121 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-121 hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Renewal of Group Term Life Insurance Policy for City Employees, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-121 having been read once by its title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that this resolution is related to the renewal of the group term life insurance policy for the city. The insurance and benefits committee recommended approval. He commented on the benefits offered and the additional negotiations that led to a better proposal at only a 2.6% increase.

Commissioner Decker explain that he will be abstaining from voting from this resolution along with the next six agenda items (Resolution Numbers 2122-121, 2122-125, 2122-132, 2122-135, 2122-137, and 2122-138 and Ordinance Number 4640 due to his employment with the City.

Mayor thanked Health Insurance Committee for their work.

Yeas: Commissioners Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2122-121 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2122-125 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-125 hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Employee Contribution Rates for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-125 having been read once by its title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that this resolution pertains to the employee contribution rates for the city's group health insurance. He commented on the range of increases from \$4.30 to \$8.84. Increases are shared 50/50 by the employee and the City.

Yeas: Commissioners Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2122-125 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2122-132 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-132 hereto attached, a Resolution to approve the salaries, wages, and employee benefits for certain non-union employees of the City of East Peoria for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending on April 30, 2023, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-132 having been read once by its title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that this resolution pertains to a 2.0% general salary increase to wages for employees not covered by collective bargaining contract salary increases. It also includes a pay plan schedule and FLSA exemption status exhibits.

Yeas: Commissioners Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2122-132 be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4640, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RETIREMENT PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL THAT ADDRESS PAYOUTS AT RETIREMENT) having been read once by its title and having been laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained this resolution is related to the payouts for employees at retirement. This is codifying/clarifying this practice that has been going on for some time.

Yeas: Commissioners Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4640 be adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2122-135 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-135 hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Contract with Optimum Health Solutions for Assisting with the Employee Wellness Program, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-135 having been read once by its title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that this resolution pertains to a contract for assistance with the City's wellness program that includes health screenings offered to employees.

Yeas: Commissioners Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2122-135 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2122-137 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-137 hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Revisions to the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-137 having been read once by its title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that this resolution pertains to changes to the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, and the changes establish a "Center of Excellence" arrangement with BJC-Centers of Excellence for the treatment of complex medical conditions when no local providers exist for treating such complex medical conditions. The BJC-Centers of Excellence can also provide second medical opinions for complex or specialized conditions. The BJC-Centers of Excellence are in the St. Louis region. Members of the plan can make use of the service and save money.

Yeas: Commissioners Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2122-137 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2122-138 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-138 hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Reinsurance Carrier for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan for the 2022-2023 Plan Year, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-138 having been read once by its title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that the resolution pertains to the renewal of the reinsurance contract with Reunion Health Services Inc. for the upcoming Plan year. The City has contracted with Reunion Health Services for the last couple of years, and Reunion Health Services has again provided the most competitive and viable rates for the upcoming fiscal year. The Committee is also recommending that the specific deductible remain at \$110,000 for the upcoming new plan year, finding this deductible level to be the most cost effective for the City's Plan. The reinsurance rates quoted by Reunion Health Services will be an increase of 6.0% from the current rates for individual specific coverage for the new Plan year starting on May 1, 2022, while the rate for aggregate coverage is unchanged, resulting in an over increase of 5.7% for this reinsurance coverage for the City's Group Health Care Plan.

Yeas: Commissioners Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2122-138 be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4647 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3009 MEADOW AVENUE IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS) be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Hill explained that the Ordinance pertains to a Special Use to allow for placement and construction of an accessory structure on the Property at a location that is past the front plane of the main residential structure and has a different façade than the residential structure is hereby approved. The property is unique in shape, and there are no neighbors on the Pleasant Hill side of the street. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended 6-0 for approval.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-143 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-143, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Service Agreement with TWM, INC. for Assistance with the City's Geographical Information System (GIS System), be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-143 be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Hill explained that the City's GIS Officer will be unavailable for the next several months, and this agreement will allow for services and maintenance to be done on the GIS software when and if needed. Commissioner Sutherland commented on the agreement and the GIS Officer being unavailable. Mayor Kahl commented on the schedule of fees for the services.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4645 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF EXCESS CITY PROPERTY AT 307 ELMWOOD STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA) be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Hill commented on the sale of the property. He stated that the city has no use for the property, and this sales gets the property back on the tax rolls, bringing the property back to a productive use for the neighborhood. He explained that the City received a full price offer of \$5,500 and the purchaser is also paying \$500 for closing costs.

Commissioner Sutherland requested that the property for sale signs indicate that the property is being sold by the City. He explained that other parties may not know about the sale of the property if there are no signs indicating that it is for sale.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4646 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF EXCESS CITY PROPERTY AT 112 KENNEDY COURT IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA) be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Hill commented on the sale of the property. This property received an offer of \$13,000 which is above the 80% minimum required (appraised value of \$16,000). This property has a home and a detached garage on it. The latter being built within the past decade and in decent condition. The purchaser will also pay \$500 in closing costs.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4648 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF CHESTNUT DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY) be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Hill explained that this ordinance and the next two are for access to a property on Chestnut Drive. Back in January, the City Council approved the Special Use to allow an events center for property located 125 Chestnut. Since then, the property owner has acquired property for a new driveway access to Cimмерon Drive and engage an engineering firm to prepare vacation and dedication plats to rework the right-of-way to facilitate the closure of Chestnut at their property as per the Special Use. Access from Chestnut to this property will be removed. Arrowhead Lane will be vacated with half going to the neighboring property owner and Mr. and Mrs. Overcash. The property will now be accessed off of Cimмерon Drive, and it will get a Cimмерon Drive address. There is property that will be given to the city at the end of the road for a turn around on Chestnut Drive.

Commissioner Sutherland inquired as to whether the City will be taking on the road responsibilities. The road off Cimмерon Drive to access the property will be private and not the responsibility of the City.

Commissioner Mingus commented on flags being placed on the property already.

Commissioner Decker commented on this being a long process and parties voicing their concerns in a professional manner. Mayor Kahl commented on the project being first class and Mr. and Mrs. Overcash addressing concerns of the neighbors.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4649 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF ARROWHEAD LANE RIGHT-OF-WAY) be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Hill commented on the vacation of a portion of Arrowhead Lane Right-of-Way.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4650 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR ADDITION TO CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR CHESTNUT DRIVE) be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Hill commented on this ordinance being for the dedication for Right-of-Way for an adequate turnaround on the roadway.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-141 by Commissioner Hill; RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO INTERVENE IN CASE BEFORE THE ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD (HOA HOTELS LLC)

WHEREAS, HOA Hotels LLC, the owner of Parcel No. 01-01-32-209-001 (the "Property"), has filed a complaint with the Tazewell County Board of Review (the "Board of Review") for the purpose of challenging the assessed value assigned to the Property for tax year 2021 and

WHEREAS, the City of East Peoria ("City") has objected to the change in assessed value; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Review has affirmed the assessment originally assigned to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property has appealed the decision of the Board of Review to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board ("PTAB"); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to intervene in the proceedings currently pending before PTAB;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT the Attorney for the City is hereby authorized and directed to obtain an appraisal for the Property and petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding involving the assessment of the Property, which proceeding is identified as Docket No. 2021-05511 currently pending before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2122-141 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that HOA Hotels is appealing their property taxes. This is the Holiday Inn and Suites in the City. This resolution is required for the City Attorney to intervene on behalf of the City.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2122-141 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2122-142 by Commissioner Hill; RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO INTERVENE IN CASE BEFORE THE ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD (KROGER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP I)

WHEREAS, Kroger Limited Partnership I, the owner of Parcel No. 01-01-32-414-008 (the "Property"), has filed a complaint with the Tazewell County Board of Review (the "Board of Review") for the purpose of challenging the assessed value assigned to the Property for tax year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Peoria ("City") has objected to the change in assessed value; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Review has affirmed the assessment originally assigned to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property has appealed the decision of the Board of Review to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board ("PTAB"); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to intervene in the proceedings currently pending before PTAB;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT the Attorney for the City is hereby authorized and directed to obtain an appraisal for the Property and petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding involving the assessment of the Property, which proceeding is identified as Docket No. 2021-05509 currently pending before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2122-142 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that KROGER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP I is appealing their property taxes. This is the Kroger store in the City. This resolution is required for the City Attorney to intervene on behalf of the City.

Commissioner Decker commented on the appeal and explained that the City has assisted Kroger with the properties surrounding the Kroger. He believes that this is a self-inflicted decrease in property value when the properties were removed and the property not kept up or anything done with the property. Commissioner Sutherland explained that he does not shop at the Kroger in East Peoria due to the size and cleanliness. Mayor Kahl explained that he echoes those concerns of Commissioner Decker. He explained that he is disappointed with Kroger and East Peoria residents having to shop outside of the City. He supports this resolution whole-heartedly. Commissioner Hill explained that he wants to keep Kroger in East Peoria.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2122-142 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2122-146 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-146, hereto attached, a Resolution approving the purchase of Twenty New Jet Ports for the East Port Marina from Sport Port, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-146 be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Hill commented on the total price being \$34,500. He explained that there were high winds that added to the wear and tear on these jet ports necessitating the replacement of the Jet Ports.

Mayor Kahl explained that there have been several changes in the last 30-60 days at the Marina. Fees have increased this year and people who belong to the pool or rent slips have been notified. These monies will go back into the Marina for its improvement. These Jet Ports were budgeted and were in the capital plan for replacement. There are positive changes occurring at the Marina and people will see the changes in the future.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-139 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-139, hereto attached, a Resolution approving the purchase of a New Dump Truck for the Street Department from Henderson Products, Inc., be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-139 be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Decker commented explained that this resolution is for the replacement of an older dump truck. This replacement is greatly needed. Mayor Kahl explained that this purchase was discussed last year and is now moving forward.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-140 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-140, hereto attached, a Resolution approving the purchase of a new TYMCO Model 500x Regenerative Air Street Sweeper for the Street Department from TYMCO, INC, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-140 be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Decker commented the purchase of the street sweeper back when he began his first term on the City Council. The street sweeper receives a lot of wear and tear, and street sweepers are only supposed to last six to eight years. The current street sweeper is over ten years old. This is purchase is also part of the capital plan.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-144 by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS, THAT the reappointments by Mayor John P. Kahl of the following individuals to various boards and commissions of the City of East Peoria be hereby approved:

East Peoria Zoning Board of Appeals

Michael Bruner, Member Term: May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2027

East Peoria Planning Commission

Richard Cridlebaugh, Member Term: May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025

Corby Gorman, Member Term: May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025

East Peoria Fire and Police Commission

Mike Johnson, Member Term: May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025

East Peoria Mass Transit District

Lori Giebelhausen, Member Term: May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2027

East Peoria Housing Authority

David Riber, Member Term: May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2027

AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION NO.2122-144 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Hill; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2122-144 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Mingus explained that this is an annual item that is normally done at this time of year. Mayor Kahl thanked the members of the City Boards and Commissions for serving. Most are volunteer positions and do a lot of work. He commented on long serving member, Dick Cridlebaugh, who has served under eight Mayors.

Yeas: Commissioners Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2122-144 be duly adopted as presented.

Mayor Kahl stated if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak on any items not on the agenda to come to the podium state the matter or matters to be discussed. There was no response.

Mayor Kahl then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Hill explained that Clean Sweep is coming up on May 7 from 8:30 am to noon. That same day the Flower Sale is also scheduled from 9:00 am until they sell out. The Flower Sale it is open to City of East Peoria residents. The Farmers Market is about a month away, and Commissioner Hill is still taking vendors for the Farmers Market. Please reach out to him or go to the City of East Peoria website to obtain information on how to become a vendor.

Commissioner Sutherland explained that everyone should watch the videos regarding the Water and Sewer as they are very helpful. He implored individuals not to flush any flushable wipes down the sewer or toilets. The flushable wipes cause more havoc than any other thing now in the sewer system. He also asked that everyone ensure that their downspouts and others are disconnected from the sewer. There is work to be completed on Highview Road along with the Road patching. He asked residents to buy a secondary meter if filling or watering outside that does not go down the sewer so that individuals do not get charged for the sewer charge. He commented on the weather impacting Public Works projects for the worse. The building being built in front of the Festival Buildings has slowed down as have other jobs due to the weather. Next projects that he would like are East Oakwood and Avondale, Lilac, Kerfoot, Euclid, and others.

Mayor Kahl commented on the Clean Sweep. He explained that three groups have reached out to volunteer to pick up trash around the City. He asked groups interested in picking up trash throughout areas in the City to reach out to the himself or Ric Semonski in the City. The City provides the garbage bags and safety vests. He explained that there was a main break on Highview Road and the Code Red system had an issue with communicating the boil order. The main break was related to the project up on Highview road. Mayor Kahl explained that the Street department is working hard on the streets. The bidding process for the 2022 Street Maintenance Program is planned for next Tuesday. The costs for the projects have increased, and the City is trying to maximize what can be done with the funds. Commissioner Decker explained that he is willing to provide information on streets and street maintenance with the rating system at a future meeting if requested. The City is trying to find ways to stretch dollars for the street projects.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, May 3, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

/s/ Morgan R. Cadwalader
City Clerk Morgan R. Cadwalader