

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

April 20, 2021

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 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 6, 2021 and the minutes of the Public Hearing held on April 6, 2021 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Mayor Kahl proclaimed May 2021 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month".

Mayor Kahl introduced East Peoria Deputy Chief David Horn of the East Peoria Police Department. Deputy Chief Horn said the department is the last week of accepting police officer applications. He said this is a great opportunity and the community is a great place to work.

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.

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, 3, 4 and 6-12 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

Item Number 1 – Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-140 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 23 in the amount of \$2,475,646.44.

Item Number 3 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4563 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR PROPERTY OFF OF OAKWOOD ROAD.) (Parcel Identification Numbers 01-01-24-304-001, 01-01-24-304-013, and 01-01-24-305-007)

Item Number 4 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4564 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR PORTION OF EAST OAKWOOD ROAD.)

Item Number 6 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-123 on its Second Reading - Resolution Accepting Lowest Responsible Bid from Tazewell County Asphalt Company in the amount of \$43,660 for the Public Safety Back Parking Lot Overlay Project.

Item Number 7 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-124 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Modernization and Installation of Traffic Signal Cabinets, Controllers, Communication Equipment, and Video Detection Systems for various traffic signals along IL Route 116, US Route 24, and Washington Street.

Item Number 8 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-125 on its Second Reading - Resolution approving Fahey Hollow Bridge Erosion Control Project in the amount of \$14,224.50.

Item Number 9 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-131 on its Second Reading - Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Payment of an Invoice to Stark Excavating for Faulkner Drive Erosion-Storm Pipe Work in the amount of \$15,087.93.

Item Number 10 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-132 on its Second Reading - Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Payment of an Invoice to Stark Excavating for Culvert Installation and Erosion Control Work along Circle Drive in the amount of \$12,745.92.

Item Number 11 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-133 on its Second Reading - Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Payment of an Invoice to Stark Excavating for Additional Erosion Control Work along Circle Drive in the amount of \$12,106.77.

Item Number 12 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-137 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving Invoice from Williams Brothers Construction for Additional Work required in Conjunction with the City's Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade Project (Phases A – C Construction Project).

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 items numbered 1, 3, 4 and 6-12 listed on the consent agenda be hereby approved and adopted, and the items numbered 3, 4 and 6 through 12 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.

Item Number 1 – Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-140 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 23 in the amount of \$2,475,646.44. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item Number 3 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4563 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR PROPERTY OFF OF OAKWOOD ROAD.) (Parcel Identification Numbers 01-01-24-304-001, 01-01-24-304-013, and 01-01-24-305-007) (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item Number 4 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4564 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR PORTION OF EAST OAKWOOD ROAD.) (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item Number 6 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-123 on its Second Reading - Resolution Accepting Lowest Responsible Bid from Tazewell County Asphalt Company in the amount of \$43,660 for the Public Safety Back Parking Lot Overlay Project. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item Number 7 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-124 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Modernization and Installation of Traffic Signal Cabinets, Controllers, Communication Equipment, and Video Detection Systems for various traffic signals along IL Route 116, US Route 24, and Washington Street. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item Number 8 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-125 on its Second Reading - Resolution approving Fahey Hollow Bridge Erosion Control Project in the amount of \$14,224.50.

Item Number 9 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-131 on its Second Reading - Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Payment of an Invoice to Stark Excavating for Faulkner Drive Erosion-Storm Pipe Work in the amount of \$15,087.93. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item Number 10 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-132 on its Second Reading - Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Payment of an Invoice to Stark Excavating for Culvert Installation and Erosion Control Work along Circle Drive in the amount of \$12,745.92. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item Number 11 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-133 on its Second Reading - Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Payment of an Invoice to Stark Excavating for Additional Erosion Control Work along Circle Drive in the amount of \$12,106.77. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item Number 12 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-137 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving Invoice from Williams Brothers Construction for Additional Work required in Conjunction with the City's Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade Project (Phases A – C Construction Project). (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.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4558, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF AN ALLEY IN THE 600 BLOCK OF SOUTH MAIN STREET) 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.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4558 be adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4565, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF EXCESS CITY PROPERTY AT 118 LOREN STREET) 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.

The property was acquired through demolition. It was appraised at \$4,000 and the successful bid was \$3,200.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4565 be adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4562, hereto attached, (ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM THE FIRST DAY OF MAY A.D. 2021 TO THE LAST DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2022) 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 said \$113 million is the total appropriation. This is the maximum amount of money that can be spent. Likely not all of it will be spent.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4562 be adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2021-127 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-127 hereto attached, a Resolution to approve the Working Cash Budget for the Fiscal Year from the first day of May A.D. 2021 to the last day of April A.D. 2022, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-127 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 encouraged residents to review this document, which lists in detail what each department can spend. It itemizes the working cash budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He said this is a balanced budget. The working cash budget also lists items where property tax is listed as the revenue source.

Mayor Kahl complimented the city council members, department heads and employees who made tough decisions on budget cuts last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic's financial impact on the city. The upcoming fiscal year's budget is not quite to pre-pandemic levels, but it is close. It includes some much-needed capital improvements and purchases, and it includes the reinstatement of the curbside recycling program.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-127 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2021-134 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-134 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, 2021 and ending on April 30, 2022, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-134 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.

Salaries are increasing 3.5%, and that is because employees deferred their 1.75% raises last year. The 3.5% increase is the combination of last year's deferred 1.75% raise and a 1.75% increase for this year. Mayor Kahl said this increase is not applicable to the pay received by the elected officials.

Commissioner Decker said he would be abstaining on this and the next several items due to his employment with the city. Mayor Kahl also said he would abstain on this resolution for the same reason.

Yeas: Commissioners Hill, Mingus and Sutherland.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker and Mayor Kahl.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-134 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2021-128 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-128 hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Reinsurance Carrier for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-128 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.

This is a renewal of reinsurance carrier Reunion Health Services. There is a 6.5% cost increase, in part because the carrier expects a surge in medical procedures that were delayed by the pandemic, and the city's health insurance plan has also had some high utilizations of specific deductible claims.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-128 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2021-129 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-129 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. 2021-129 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.

The city is staying with Standard Insurance Company. While there is a 17% increase in rates, after review it is the best plan and lowest cost.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-129 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2021-130 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-130 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. 2021-130 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.

While the employee contribution rates increased, Commissioner Hill explained that the rates are split between the employer and employee.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-130 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2021-136 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-136 hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding the Prescription Drug Benefit Manager for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-136 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.

This is a change in the prescription drug benefit manager to RxBenefits to achieve greater savings starting Aug. 1, 2021.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-136 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2021-122 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-122 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. 2021-122 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.

This is part of the employee health and wellness program which includes an individual health risk assessment.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-122 be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4570 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2125 EAST WASHINGTON STREET 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.

Melvin Murray petitioned the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special use for the sale of outdoor vehicles at the site of the former Illini Autos. Vehicle repair will occur on cars he sells, and there are conditions on how many vehicles can be on the lot. Cars needing repair will be behind a fence. The ZBA voted 6-0 to recommend approval. Commissioner Sutherland questioned some wording, asking if Mr. Murray will be able to repair cars he has already sold. Commissioner Hill confirmed that is the intent, and Mr. Murray addressed the council to say he does not want to work on the general public's vehicles, only on the ones he sells.

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. 4571 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2101 COLE STREET 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.

Annibelle Getz petitioned the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special use for an accessory structure on her property. The special use is needed because she already has two accessory structures. The property is over an acre. The ZBA voted 5-0, with one abstention, to recommend approval.

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. 4572 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1343 EAST WASHINGTON STREET 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.

This is the former gas station property next to East Peoria Community High School. Tim Montel of VRG Properties petitioned the Zoning Board of Appeals to put a container and equipment on the site for property remediation. The project is projected to last anywhere from six to 18 months. Complete screening of the entire property was not recommended due to line of site traffic safety issues.

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. 4567 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 7 OF THE EAST PEORIA ZONING CODE AND TITLE 7, CHAPTER 2 OF THE EAST CITY PEORIA CODE PERTAINING TO DRIVEWAY PAVING) be read at length by the Clerk, and that said Ordinance No. 4567 be accepted on its first reading, and be hereby adopted as presented.

The ordinance presently does not require a continuous paved surface for residential off-street parking from the street to the parking area or garage. Commissioner Hill said most of the existing ordinance was not changed, and the changes clarify off-street parking requirements that were not clearly spelled out. The commissioners discussed some of the language changes in the ordinance. Commissioner Mingus questioned language about continuously paved surfaces, asking if it meant residents with gravel pads would have to pave them. Commissioner Hill said the current code still allows gravel driveways if the majority of homes in a neighborhood have them. Commissioner Sutherland disagreed, saying there are hundreds of residences that will be affected. Commissioner Decker had concerns with language about the thickness of the driveway. City Attorney Dennis Triggs said the City Council can assume in the future if people ask questions they will receive a favorable interpretation and the logic is on that side, but the other choice is to eliminate the ambiguity. He said there are some places where the language is problematic. Commissioner Mingus said he wants to receive clarification before voting on it. Mr. Triggs said the council could table the ordinance until the commissioners receive clarification. Mayor Kahl then suggested tabling it.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4567 be tabled until more language clarification is received.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion tabled.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4568 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 9 OF THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE REGARDING PEDDLERS, BROKERS AND ITINERANT MERCHANTS) 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 clears up some antiquated code. The owner of The Picker's Daughter in East Peoria would like to have a street fair with vendors and based on the current ordinance a business wanting to do this must be affiliated with a nonprofit organization. This clears up the language and would allow such events with city approval.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-138 by Commissioner Hill; **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS, THAT** the appointments by Mayor John P. Kahl of the following individual to the East Peoria Human Relations Commission of the City of East Peoria is hereby approved:

David Horn, Member - To fill the Police Department Representative position
on the Commission previously held by Megan Taylor
Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2024

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

Gina Driscoll, Chair Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2026
Michael Kelley, Member Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2026
Tim Kelly, Member Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2026

Board of Trustees of the East Peoria Police Pension Fund Board

Terry Schultz, Member Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023

East Peoria Human Relations Commission

Dan Decker, Chair Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023
Rick Swan, Member Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023

East Peoria Planning Commission

Allen Hahn, Member Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2024
Michael Bruner, Member Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2024

East Peoria Fire and Police Commission

Dennis Tucker, Chair Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2024

East Peoria Mass Transit District

Michael LaHood, Member Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2025

East Peoria Housing Authority

Karen McClelland, Member Term: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2026

AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION NO.2021-138 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

Commissioner Decker said he will abstain.

Mayor Kahl said board and commission members are selected based on recommendations by department heads and board chairmen regarding the members' participation on a board and if they are qualified to hold those positions. He then reaches out to the individuals to see if they will serve on the board.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2021-138 be adopted as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-138 be duly adopted as presented.

Ordinance No. 4569 (AN ORDINANCE UPDATING REGULATIONS FOR EXCAVATIONS IN CITY STREETS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND FOR ADDRESSING DAMAGE TO CITY STREETS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY UNDER THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE) was pulled from the agenda.

Resolution No. 2021-139 by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Hill; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-139, hereto attached, a Resolution authorizing the approval of an Agreement with Susteen LLC for purchase of new mobile forensic equipment, training, and software for the East Peoria Police Department that includes a Grant from Susteen LLC to assist in the costs of the purchase, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-139 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 Mingus explained that this is approval of a platform the East Peoria Police Department can use for the forensics of mobile cellular devices. Often these must be taken to other agencies to conduct forensics, and this will allow the work to be done in-house. This is being funded through a \$9,975 grant from the Drug Enforcement Fund with a city match of \$6,335, and there is a \$1,000 fee annually for updates and maintenance.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

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 and state the matter or matters to be discussed.

Bob Jorgensen said the East Peoria Green Team is thrilled to have recycling starting up again. He thanked the city staff for informing him of some needed updates about recycling on the Green Team's website. He also talked about pollinators and asked the council to consider implementing a program called the Mayor's Monarch Pledge to help increase the number of monarch butterflies and other pollinators. The Green Team will be handing out milkweed plant seeds at various events, and he explained that monarchs eat milkweeds and lay their eggs on them. Mr. Jorgensen discussed asphalt sealers, saying one type is very harmful due to the dust that comes off it. There is another type just as good, safe and is used widely west of Colorado. He also expressed concern about a type of firefighter foam that gets in the water supply and can cause cancer.

Mayor Kahl then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Decker addressed Mr. Jorgensen's concern about firefighter foam, saying the East Peoria Fire Department does not use foam due to health concerns and that it is very damaging to vehicles. He said he appreciated the prosecution's arguments in the Minnesota Derek Chauvin murder trial, saying the prosecution did not attack police but rather the actions of an individual officer. He said East Peoria has many great officers and they should be supported. Curbside recycling starts May 3. A storm water runoff working session is being planned and residents should let the council know of areas of concern in the city. He concluded by congratulating his son Zack who is graduating from basic training.

Commissioner Hill announced the East Peoria Clean Sweep is May 1, during which individuals and teams participate in cleaning up high traffic areas of the city. The East Peoria Beautification Commission flower sale is the same day from 9 a.m. until noon, or earlier if sold out, at the Festival Building. The East Peoria Market vendor registration is still occurring. The market will be open on Fridays June through September.

Commissioner Mingus announced the Fire Department car seat checks will occur from 1 until 4 p.m. May 5 at the Central Fire Station. He asked Commissioner Decker what happens if a resident has been using the recycling toter for garbage. Commissioner Decker said he will check on that.

Commissioner Sutherland discussed government regulations. He said every time any government entity makes regulations a bit harder, small businesses gets squeezed out from all the rules and that leaves less competition. He said government creep is a real thing and nearly every time something is fixed it leads to another problem. Common sense must come into play.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, May 4, 2021 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 7:46 P.M.

/s/ Jill A. Peterson

Deputy City Clerk Jill A. Peterson,
on behalf of City Clerk Morgan Cadwalader