

**MINUTES**  
**WORKING SESSION**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**401 WEST WASHINGTON STREET**  
**EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

May 3, 2016

Mayor Mingus called the Working Session of the City Council of East Peoria, Illinois to order at 5:01 P.M. with the meeting having been properly noticed.

Upon the roll being called the following answered present: Mayor Mingus, Commissioners Decker, Densberger, Jeffers, and Kahl.

Absent: None.

Mayor Mingus explained that no official action would take place by the City Council at the meeting. He explained that the purpose of the meeting is to have a Working Session regarding the budget. Commissioner Densberger explained that there changes to the budget from last draft that included but is not limited to adding \$60,000 for a mower, \$200,000 for public works for new vehicles and facilities, additional two squad cars, an upgrade for reserve vehicle for fire and turnout gear. There was also funding for Richland Farms Community Center Summer Program in the amount of \$7,500.

Commissioner Decker discussed funding for the Richland Farms Community Center Summer Program funding. He discussed solid waste and recycling needs for another vehicle. He also discussed about decreasing personnel costs because Public Works may be able to need less personnel to do more efficient route through reorganization. He discussed software that would help track and route different routes in public works. He discussed savings may be able to pay for the software. He discussed the traffic lights at Cole and Washington Street.

Commissioner Kahl discussed gaming funds and explained that just because the City has money does not mean that the City needs to spend it. He would like the City to start planning accordingly. Commissioner Kahl discussed reaching out to the school districts for assistance in funding for the Richland Farms Community Center Summer Program funding. He discussed the need for planning for the future. He discussed a concern about the Early Retirement Incentive and the costs associated with it. Commissioner Densberger discussed not knowing the upfront costs of the Early Retirement Incentive yet. He discussed the \$162,000 overpayment for Personal Property Replacement Tax from the State.

Director of Buildings and Inspections, Robert Cole, discussed the energy aggregation program and funding.

Commissioner Jeffers discussed the potential roundabout at Camp Street and River Road that is to move forward in 2021 if not sooner. However, there is work that needs to be done prior to the 2021 construction date.

There was a discussion about a coalition with buying power in Northern Illinois that the City is using for squad vehicles purchases that is slightly less than the state bid price from last year.

Commissioner Jeffers discussed his views on purchasing equipment. Commissioner Densberger discussed using the payment to EastSide Centre in the future for capital needs in a future capital fund.

Mayor Mingus discussed having retreats and preparing for the future. He discussed the increased costs of living and costs of doing business. He discussed needing to decrease expenses, increase revenues, and create efficiencies. He discussed the need for long-range planning.

Mayor Mingus asked for any comments from the audience.

Don Norbits came up to the podium to discuss the budget. He asked about an increase in the wastewater vehicle increase. Commissioner Jeffers explained that it is for a new vacor truck paid out of the water sewer fund. There was a discussion about the sewer plant renovation needs.

Charlie Morgan came up to the podium. He discussed using the money for a bucket truck. He discussed gaming revenue decreases and sales tax projections. He discussed issues with borrowing money. He asked about putting some of the money that will come from savings at EastSide back in EastSide. He asked about the total debt service. Commissioner Densberger explained that revenues generated in the business service districts are more than it takes to pay for the debt.

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn the meeting.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Densberger, Jeffers, Kahl and Mayor Mingus.

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

/s/ Morgan R. Cadwalader

Morgan R. Cadwalader, City Clerk