

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING**

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

MAY 17, 2016

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl Mr. Mayor, I move that the City Council recess the Regular Meeting to hold a public hearing.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and the Regular Meeting recessed to hold a public hearing at 6:04 P.M.

Those present were Mayor David Mingus, Commissioner Daniel S. Decker, Commissioner Gary R. Densberger, Commissioner Timothy J. Jeffers and Commissioner John P. Kahl.

Absent: None.

Mayor Mingus explained that we are in the public hearing. He turned the discussion over to Commissioner Densberger. Commissioner Densberger explained the purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing on the proposed Annual Appropriation Ordinance and proposed Working Cash Budget of the City of East Peoria from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 and receive public comments on those items. He discussed the anticipated revenues and estimated expenses. He discussed the sales tax and increases to salaries of employees.

Commissioner Densberger asked for any comments from the audience. There was no response.

Commissioner Kahl discussed the need to reinvest in EastSide Centre. He discussed the monies coming from Hotel/Motel taxes. Commissioner Densberger discussed monies from Hotel/Motel going toward EastSide Centre loan payments. Commissioner Kahl does not believe we have done a good job building up reserved funds and the City has projected spending that is used. He is concerned about the amount that is in the reserve fund.

Commissioner Densberger discussed his opinion that the reserve funds could be enhanced. He would like to earmark funds for reserves or put back for future larger capital projects to accomplish both at the same time.

Commissioner Decker discussed the need for a garbage truck. He discussed the possibility of the truck.

Mayor Mingus asked for public comments. There was no response.

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that to adjourn the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:12 P.M.

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