

**: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :****: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

A Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council and Town Board of Peoria, Illinois, was held on August 10, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ali presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were present: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11. Absent: None.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ali asked everyone to keep the family of former City Council Member Frank Renner in their thoughts since his passing on Friday, August 6, 2021. She asked everyone to also keep the family of Peter Pasquel, a Peoria businessman and humanitarian, in their thoughts since his passing on Friday, July 30, 2021.

Mayor Ali requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and then she led the pledge of allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on July 27, 2021, as printed; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11;

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA**

**(21-236) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the JULY 2021 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the AUGUST 2021 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the July 2021 Actual Expenditures and to approve the August 2021 Anticipated Expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Chairwoman Ali - 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (21-237) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.
- (21-238) \* Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a Three-Year CONTRACT with GLOBAL SECURITY SERVICES, in an Amount not to Exceed \$135,000.00 per Year, to Provide SECURITY SERVICES at City Hall.
- (21-239) \*\* Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE a SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASE of a GPS-Based Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption System for Six (6) Intersections, in the Amount of \$35,277.00, from TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION.
- (21-240) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a Request to APPROVE an EASEMENT AGREEMENT for Access to the Public Street from 330 SW WATER STREET, Peoria, (PIN:18-09-411-003).
- (21-241) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:
- A. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,872 Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the WAREHOUSE DISTRICT TIF FUND Balance to PROVIDE for EMERGENCY RESTORATION SERVICES at 1312 SW ADAMS STREET, Due to Water Infiltration from a Faulty Roof, in the Amount of \$104,956.00.
  - B. APPROVE an EMERGENCY CONTRACT with SERVPRO, in the Amount of \$104,955.71, to Provide EMERGENCY RESTORATION SERVICES to Extract Water, Remove Drywall, Utilize Air Movers, Equipment Rental, and Equipment Decontamination, at 1312 SW ADAMS STREET, Due to Water Infiltration from a Faulty Roof.
- (21-242) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the MAYOR’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES with a Request to Concur:
- Holly Quarles (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2024
- (21-243) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:
- Norris Chase (Voting) - Term Expiration 06/30/2022
- (21-244) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:
- Melissa Whitney (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2023

Mayor Ali questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda Items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Cyr requested Item No. 21-239 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Allen requested Item No. 21-238 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council Communications, seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Item Nos. 21-237 through 21-244 (excluding Item Nos. 21-238 and 21-239, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11;

Nays: None.

**(21-238) \* Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a Three-Year CONTRACT with GLOBAL SECURITY SERVICES, in an Amount not to Exceed \$135,000.00 per Year, to Provide SECURITY SERVICES at City Hall.**

At Council Member Allen's request, City Manager Patrick Urich said the contract was with a new security company and would provide the same services as the current company at a comparable cost. He said the existing City Hall Security Staff would transfer to Global Security Services when the new contract began.

Council Member Allen moved to approve and authorize the execution of a three-year contract with Global Security Services, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00 per year, to provide security services at City Hall; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11;

Nays: None.

**(21-239) \*\* Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE a SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASE of a GPS-Based Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption System for Six (6) Intersections, in the Amount of \$35,277.00, from TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION.**

Council Member Cyr asked Fire Chief James Bachman to provide an update regarding the installation of Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption Systems in the City. Chief Bachman said Item No. 20-072 from the April 14, 2020, Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting, approved the purchase of the Traffic Signal Preemption System for 24 City intersections, and he provided a status of the equipment installation. He said this new request was for the purchase of equipment for six intersections on Monroe Street. Public Works Director Rick Powers reviewed the progress and the schedule to install the Traffic Signal Preemption System equipment.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve a sole-source purchase of a GPS-based Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption System for six (6) intersections, in the amount of \$35,277.00, from Traffic Control Corporation; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Discussions were held regarding plans to install the Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption System at additional intersections with a focus on the City's main corridors.

Motion to approve a sole-source purchase of a GPS-based Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption System for six (6) intersections, in the amount of \$35,277.00, from Traffic Control Corporation, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11;

Nays: None.

**REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

- (21-245)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE Change Order #1B for a \$750,000.00 Extension of the 2019 STORM SEWER REPAIR CONTRACT with J.C. DILLON, INC., and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Change Order to Add \$750,000 to the Budget, for a Total 2021 Budget Amount of \$1,650,000.00 (Reference 19-059,19-142, and 21-029) [All Council Districts]**

Council Member Oyler moved to approve Change Order #1B for a \$750,000.00 extension of the 2019 Storm Sewer Repair Contract with J.C. Dillon, Inc., and to authorize the City Manager to execute the change order to add \$750,000.00 to the budget, for a total 2021 Budget amount of \$1,650,000.00; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11;

Nays: None.

- (21-228)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 18 of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Relating to the Addition of a Licensing Requirement for TIRE BUSINESSES.**

Council Member Jackson moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria, relating to the addition of a licensing requirement for tire businesses; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Interim Community Development Director Joe Dulin said the License was an attempt to abate tire dumping by authorizing the City to track and audit tire business records. He said Community Development and Public Works Staff cleaned up thousands of tires from Peoria streets each year, despite programs such as the [Tireless Project](#), a monthly collection of unwanted tires available for free to Peoria residents.

Discussions were held regarding the number of tire businesses in the City of Peoria, how they were identified, and the communication strategy regarding the new License requirements. After Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Kapustka described fiscal and legal consequences of dumping tires, the new administrative tasks assigned to City Staff related to the License was discussed. Council Member Kelly said he supported the item except the proposed \$50.00 annual fee.

Council Member Jackson thanked City Staff for working to implement the first step of a solution to the ongoing problem of tire dumping. She expressed concerns regarding additional duties to City Staff relating to the administration, tracking, and auditing the new license would require without providing additional resources without imposing a licensing fee.

Discussions were held regarding audit data, City Staff's distribution of duties, and the value tire dumping abatement would provide. Further discussions were held on the impact discarded tires had on the City and citizens, especially in the First District.

At Council Member Ruckriegel's request, Interim Director Dulin explained the Ordinance did not address tire storage businesses. He described requirements for tire storage businesses from the Property Maintenance Code, Building Code, State, and Federal regulations.

Discussions were held concerning the tracking of tire businesses located outside the City that conducted business in Peoria. It was noted this Ordinance would not be able to track businesses outside the City who simply dumped tires within the City. However, it was discussed that the City would reach out to the State's Attorney's Office to collaborate with the prosecution of illegal dumping of tires. Further discussions were held regarding the license fee.

Council Member Ruckriegel said he was in support of the item but asked for the fee to be lowered or eliminated. He said he was supportive of the item, noting it was a step in the right direction.

Council Member Riggerbach thanked Staff for the creative solution to address the root of the tire dumping problem. He discussed potential benefits of maintaining a registration of all Peoria businesses, and cited improved communication and tracking. He said he concurred with other Council Members regarding the elimination of the License fee from the Ordinance.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Riggerbach moved for a substitute motion to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria, relating to the addition of a licensing requirement for tire businesses without a licensing fee; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Further discussions were held regarding the License fee. Council Member Jensen said she supported the Ordinance as written, with the annual license fee.

Discussions were held about the current number of City Staff and potential revenue sources that could be used to hire additional Staff. Further discussions were held regarding the penalties for dumping tires.

Council Member Allen said he supported the Ordinance as written with the annual fee.

Council Member Kelly inquired if a motion could be made to amend the Ordinance to amend the Code regarding various levels of penalties for individuals dumping tires. Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka advised such a request would require Staff to bring an amended Ordinance to a subsequent Council Meeting for consideration. Council Member Kelly requested an item to be placed on a subsequent Council Meeting Agenda with an amended Ordinance regarding increased penalties for individuals dumping tires.

Further discussions were held regarding the annual License fee and the burden on City Staff to remove discarded tires. Council Member Ruckriegel requested a Report Back regarding the costs incurred by the City to clean up tires annually. He said he believed City funds saved by

the reduction of Staff hours spent cleaning up tires would offset the administrative, tracking and auditing costs of the license. He concluded by saying he supported item without the license fee, as it was presented as a First Reading at the City Council Meeting held on July 27, 2021.

Council Member Oyler said he believed the revenue from tire dumping fines should be used to offset City costs instead of charging tire businesses a license fee.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,873 amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria, relating to the addition of a licensing requirement for tire businesses without a licensing fee was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 7;

Nays: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen - 4.

**(21-229)      Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 27 (Taxation), ARTICLE XII (Motor Fuel Tax), of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Pertaining to PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION of Said Ordinance.**

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 27 (Taxation), Article XII (Motor Fuel Tax), of the Code of the City of Peoria, pertaining to penalties for violation of said Ordinance; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Council Member Grayeb said the Ordinance was welcomed progress to holding gas station owners accountable for public safety measures and practices.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,874 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11;

Nays: None.

**(21-246)      APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ali to the LAND BANK BOARD with a Request to Concur:**

**Marilyn Mosley (Voting) - Term Expires N/A**

**Randall Anderson-Maxwell (Voting) - Term Expires N/A**

**Kimberly Washburn (Voting) - Term Expires N/A**

**Council Member Denise Jackson (Non-Voting) - Term Expires N/A**

**Council Member Elizabeth Jensen (Non-Voting) - Term Expires N/A**

**Council Member Zachary Oyler (Non-Voting) - Term Expires N/A**

A revised Council Communication amending the appointments of Council Members Jackson, Jensen, and Oyler to voting members of the Land Bank Board was distributed to all Council Members.

City Clerk Stefanie Tarr said Council Members Jackson, Jensen and Oyler should refrain from voting on the item due to a conflict of interest.

Council Member Allen moved to concur with the appointments to the Land Bank Board, as amended; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Appointments to the Land Bank Board, as amended to revise the appointments of Council Members Jackson, Jensen and Oyler to voting members, was concurred by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 8;

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Jackson, Jensen, Oyler - 3.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Including but not limited to motions to reconsider items, if any, from the previous Regular Meeting)**

**(21-222) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the EAST VILLAGE GROWTH CELL COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:**

**Brian Lovingood (Voting) - Term Expiration N/A**

Mayor Ali said this appointment was deferred at the July 27, 2021, City Council Meeting, in order to review the applicant's qualifications in relation to the Committee's Charter requirements. She said he did not live in the area of the City the Charter required and should not be appointed to the Committee.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to RESCIND the appointment of Brian Lovingood to the East Village Growth Cell Committee; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to RESCIND the appointment of Brian Lovingood to the East Village Growth Cell Committee was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11;

Nays: None.

**Downtown Lighting Concerns**

Council Member Oyler discussed ongoing issues with lighting on the Riverfront and in the Warehouse District in downtown Peoria. He said a report from Public Works had been requested, and the Council was waiting on an update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tire Dumping Remediation Collaboration**

After referring to an earlier discussion regarding tire dumping remediation in Item No. 21-228, Council Member Ruckriegel said discarded tires were not only a City of Peoria concern, but they caused concern across Peoria County as well. He asked City Manager Urich to confer with the Peoria County Board regarding collaborative efforts to expand services that benefit the region.

**2020 Audit**

Council Member Cyr asked when the Council would receive the 2020 Audit. City Manager Urich said the audit would be completed by the end of August and would be presented to the Council in September.

**Strategic Planning Session**

At Council Member Cyr's request, City Manager Urich said he and the Mayor were discussing a Strategic Planning Session with the Council and more information would be provided soon.

**2022 Budget Discussions**

Council Member Cyr asked City Manager Urich when discussions would begin regarding the 2022-2023 City Budget. City Manager Urich said a Policy Session would be scheduled after staff surveys and public input regarding the American Rescue Plan funds had been compiled. He said the proposed budget would be presented to the Council by the middle of October, with budget discussion meetings immediately following.

**Recent City Staff Hiring Update**

Council Member Cyr asked City Manager Urich for an update concerning City Staff vacancies and the hiring process to fill them. City Manager Urich described recently hired Staff, ongoing hiring efforts, and positions that would soon become available.

**CityLink – Rebuild Illinois Input**

Council Member Jensen invited citizens to provide CityLink with input regarding available Rebuild Illinois funds at [www.ridecitylink.org](http://www.ridecitylink.org).

**City Staff Vaccination Update**

Council Member Jensen asked for an update regarding City Staff Coronavirus vaccination statuses. City Manager Urich said the confirmed vaccination rate for City employees was at 44%, and he said cash incentives and raffles were being utilized to encourage Staff vaccinations. He discussed the importance of getting vaccinated, especially during the recent increase in cases due largely to the Delta variant of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

**Wearing Masks in City Hall**

Council Member Jensen asked for an update concerning mask requirements in City Hall and other City buildings. City Manager Urich said masks are required in public spaces or shared private spaces such as conference rooms or private meetings in private offices. He said depending on the situation, masks are sometimes required in outdoor spaces as well.

**City Staffing Updates**

Council Member Grayeb requested an update regarding City employees, including contact information, due to recent changes due to retirements, transitions, and new hires. He said he believed the Council should discuss City hiring policies, such as the requirement to live in the City of Peoria, and he said the organizational structure of employees should also be discussed.

**River City Soul Fest**

Council Member Allen thanked the Peoria Park District for hosting River City Soul Fest on the Peoria Riverfront on August 6 and August 7, 2021. He said it was a great event, celebrating both soul and R&B music and brought in music-lovers from across the region with the beautiful backdrop of the Murray Baker Bridge.

**First District Tours**

Council Member Jackson said the inaugural tour of the First District was well attended on Saturday, July 31, 2021. She said local organizations volunteered a bus, vans, and drivers for the event. She invited citizens and Council Members to attend one of the weekly tours scheduled on Saturdays through September 25, 2021, in order to learn more about the First District and issues the community was working to resolve.

**CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD**

It was determined that there were no citizens wishing to address the City Council/Town Board at this time.



EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probably or imminent, in which case the basis for the action as necessary based on closed session; and 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.**

Council Member Cyr moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probably or imminent, in which case the basis for the action as necessary based on closed session; and 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11;

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: 2(c)(3) was inadvertently stated for the discussion of collective bargaining in closed session when the section stated should have been 2(c)(2).*

ADJOURNMENT

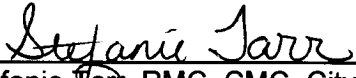
Council Member Cyr moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11;

Nays: None.

The Regular Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

  
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Stefanie Tarr, RMC, CMC, City Clerk  
City of Peoria, Illinois