



**: 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 April 11, 2023, 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.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

CDBG Week (April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>)  
 Central Illinois Reads  
 PHS Girls Basketball Team

**MINUTES**

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on March 21, 2023, and the City Council Meeting held on March 28, 2023, as printed; seconded by Council Member Allen.

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**

**(23-102) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the 2023-2024 BUDGET for the TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2023-2024 Budget for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Chairwoman Ali opened the Public Hearing at 6:29 P.M.

Following a third call for comments, Chairwoman Ali determined there were no citizens who wished to speak, and she requested the Public Hearing be closed.

Trustee Kelly moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the 2023-2024 Budget for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Chairwoman Ali closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M.

**(23-103) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the MARCH 2023 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the APRIL 2023 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the March 2023 actual expenditures and to approve the April 2023 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-104) RESOLUTION Consenting to the Employment of MESCHER, RINEHART & REDLINGSHAFFER, P.C. as TOWN ATTORNEYS, with Request to APPROVE.**

A letter from Mescher, Rinehart & Redlingshafer, P.C., was distributed to all Council Members.

At the request of Trustee Grayeb, Town Supervisor LaTrina Leary explained that the Town of the City of Peoria chose Mescher, Rinehart & Redlingshafer as their Town Attorney due to their long history of service, expertise, and experience in Township Law. Trustee Grayeb said this firm continued to be recommended because of their qualifications and consistent rates for the past three years.

At the conclusion of his comments, Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the Resolution consenting to the employment of Mescher, Rinehart & Redlingshafer, P.C., as Town Attorneys; seconded by Trustee Riggenbach.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-104 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-105) RESOLUTION for the Town of the City of Peoria Authorizing Township Officials to Continue a Loss Control Policy with TOIRMA and to Enter into a CONTRACT OF INSURANCE, with Request to APPROVE.**

Trustee Kelly moved to approve the Resolution authorizing Township Officials to continue a Loss Control Policy with TOIRMA and to enter into a Contract of Insurance; seconded by Trustee Jackson.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-105 authorizing Township Officials to continue a Loss Control Policy with TOIRMA and to enter into a Contract of Insurance was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-106) RESOLUTION Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Enter into a PAYROLL SERVICES AGREEMENT with ADP, LLC, with Request to APPROVE.**

Trustee Cyr moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to enter into a Payroll Services Agreement with ADP, LLC; seconded by Trustee Allen.

In response to Chairwoman Ali regarding the continuation of service, Town Supervisor Leary said Peoria Township had worked with ADP, LLC, for many years and they were looking to continue that relationship.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-106 authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to enter into a Payroll Services Agreement with ADP, LLC, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-107) RESOLUTION Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Enter into an AGREEMENT with the HEARTLAND CLINIC, with Request to APPROVE, and to RECEIVE AND FILE the 2022 STATISTICAL REPORT.**

Trustee Velpula moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to enter into an Agreement with the Heartland Clinic, and to receive and file the 2022 statistical report; seconded by Trustee Allen.

In response to Trustee Cyr on how charities were chosen and required guidelines to follow, Town Supervisor Leary explained that the Town Officials followed the Emergency Assistance Guidelines and selected charities based on their potential impact on the community. She said the Township strived to achieve its vision, "To Serve the Community Where They Lived," explaining the chosen charities presented to the Board addressed important issues such as healthcare, food accessibility, at-risk youth programs, and support services for abuse victims.

Trustee Jensen asked why Heartland Clinic allocated their donated funds to general operating expenses instead of to a specific program or initiative, and she asked why the proposed donated amount differed this year from previous years. Supervisor Leary said the funds had an unspecified use to address many different healthcare services offered by Heartland Clinic. In addition, she said the donation amount was reduced due to budget cuts in the Town's budget. Chairwoman Ali said she knew there was disappointment in the reduced donated amount to Heartland Clinic.

In response to Trustee Kelly about the 2022 Statistical Report, Town Clerk Stefanie Tarr said the report was the letter provided by Heartland Clinic. She said she would need to review previous reports to see how Heartland provided this information.

At the conclusion of his comments, Trustee Kelly moved to amend the motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to enter into an Agreement with the Heartland Clinic, and to receive and file the 2022 Statistical Report, by striking "2022 Statistical Report" and insert "letter dated March 1, 2023, from Heartland Clinic; seconded by Trustee Grayeb.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-107 authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to enter into an Agreement with Heartland Clinic, and to receive and file the letter dated March 1, 2023, from Heartland Clinic, was approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-108) RESOLUTION Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Make a DONATION to the CENTER FOR PREVENTION OF ABUSE, with Request to APPROVE, and To RECEIVE AND FILE the 2022 REPORT.**

Trustee Allen moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a donation to the Center for Prevention of Abuse, and to receive and file the 2022 report; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-108 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-109) RESOLUTION Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Make a DONATION to FRIENDSHIP HOUSE OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, with Request to APPROVE, and to RECEIVE AND FILE the LETTER Included with the Resolution.**

Trustee Jackson moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a donation to Friendship House of Christian Service, and to receive and file the letter included with the Resolution; seconded by Trustee Riggerbach.

Trustee Jensen stated the proposed Resolution did not identify the intended use of the donation, noting the letter identified the food distribution program at Friendship House of Christian Service. She asked for a friendly amendment to the Resolution to add "to be used for food distribution only."

Trustee Jackson said she agreed to the proposed friendly amendment.

Trustee Riggerbach questioned the appropriateness of restricting the use of the donation. He said the donation was intended to empower the organization to decide how to best use the funds where it was most needed with a report to the Board at the end of the year of how those funds were used. Supervisor Leary said she had spoken with Friendship House, and they indicated it was their intent to utilize the donation for food distribution only.

Trustee Riggerbach agreed with the proposed friendly amendment.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-109 authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a donation to Friendship House of Christian Service, as amended to include "to be used for food distribution only," and to receive and file the letter included with the Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oylar, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: RESOLUTION NO. 23-109 was amended by a friendly amendment since both the original mover and the original seconder were in agreement and no motion took place on the amendment itself.*

**(23-110) RESOLUTION Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Make a DONATION to TRI-COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE, with Request to APPROVE, and to RECEIVE AND FILE the LETTER Included with the Resolution.**

Trustee Kelly moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a donation to Tri-County Urban League, and to receive and file the letter included with the Resolution; seconded by Trustee Grayeb.

Trustee Allen said he would abstain from voting on this item due to his service on the Board of Directors for the Tri-County Urban League.

Trustee Jensen said it was her understanding from the materials that this grant was supposed to be limited to the Tri-County Urban League's Violence Prevention Program called TSTM Gaming Club, and she asked for it to be included in the Resolution.

Supervisor Leary said funds had been used for that program in the past and the Tri-County Urban League had additional programs to help at-risk youth in the community.

From reading the materials, Trustee Jensen said it was her understanding that the donation would go towards their Violence Prevention Program, and she suggested including that language in the Resolution.

Chairwoman Ali said there were several Violence Prevention Programs offered by the Tri-County Urban League. She said there were many programs not called "Violence Prevention," but many programs.

Trustee Jensen said she was suggesting the amendment to be broad as possible because that was the general term they used in their letter, and then they talked about specific programs such as TSTM Gaming Club, which they were seeking to provide an onsite training program. She said she preferred not to name the specific programs other than Violence Prevention Programs unless otherwise recommended.

Supervisor Leary said the Tri-County Urban League had multiple Violence Prevent Programs; however, she said they were asking for a grant towards the TSTM Gaming Club.

Chairwoman Ali said the way it was written was the way it was requested, and she asked why they would not honor the request. Trustee Jensen said that was why she requested to amend the Resolution to reflect that the donation be applied toward Violence Prevention Programs.

Chairwoman Ali asked Trustee Kelly if he was agreeable to a friendly amendment to amend the Resolution to include "to be used toward Violence Prevention Programs."

Trustee Kelly said the wording of the Resolution would allow the recipient to use the money for anything. He said just because the recipient provided a letter of what they had done last year did not bind the Board. He said he was in favor of including the language. He said the Resolution needed to reflect the intent of the funds for this year and not what was done the previous year.

Trustee Kelly said he was agreeable to a friendly amendment to the Resolution to include "providing onsite internship opportunities of job training program successors ages 14-16."

Chairwoman Ali inquired whether Trustee Kelly wanted the Resolution to include the words "Violence Prevention Programs."

Trustee Kelly said he did not know if the onsite internship opportunities included Violence Prevention or not. He said the letter stated that it seemed the Urban League was asking for the donation to apply toward onsite internship opportunities.

Chairwoman Ali said the letter stated, "ages 14-16," which would make it too restrictive. Trustee Kelly said that was what the letter stated. He said it was the language of the letter.

Chairwoman Ali said, going forward, the letters should align with the Resolution in order to prevent confusion. She said, regarding this item, it would be too restrictive as it related to age.

Trustee Kelly said he was agreeable to a friendly amendment to the Resolution to include the words "to be used for Violence Prevention Programs." Trustee Grayeb said he was agreeable with the friendly amendment, stating next year the representatives from each organization needed to attend the meeting in order to answer the Board's questions directly.

Trustee Oyler made a substitute motion to defer this item for 30 days, stating it was unclear what was being asked of the Board. He said he preferred to see more complete Staff work prior to an item coming to the Board.

Trustee Riggenbach seconded the substitute motion to defer for 30 days.

Substitute motion to defer the item for 30 days was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Velpula – 4;

Nays: Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Ruckriegel, Chairwoman Ali – 6;

Abstention: Allen – 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-110 authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a donation to Tri-County Urban League, as amended in include "to be used for Violence Prevention Programs," and to receive and file the letter included with the Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Chairwoman Ali – 10;

Nays: None.

Abstention: Allen – 1.

*CLERK'S NOTE: RESOLUTION NO. 23-110 was amended by a friendly amendment since both the original mover and the original seconder were in agreement, and no motion took place on the amendment itself.*

**(23-111) ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET and APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE for 2023-2024, with Request to ADOPT.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt the Annual Town Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2023-2024; seconded by Trustee Jensen.

In response to Trustee Cyr regarding the status of the cash reserve, Supervisor Leary said there was approximately 15-16 months' worth in reserves, just over \$3 million, noting the impact of the unanticipated growth of Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) revenues temporarily sustaining reserve levels despite reduction estimates.

Supervisor Leary answered Trustee Cyr concerning how many in the community received Peoria Township services by estimating 150 to 175 households received emergency services and 60 individuals received the General Assistance Program services.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-23-01 adopting the Annual Town Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2023-2024 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-112) RESOLUTION Consenting to the Employment of CLIFTONLARSONALLAN, LLP, as Outside INDEPENDENT AUDITORS, with Request to APPROVE.**

Town Assessor Max Schlafley said an independent firm audited Town records on an annual basis. He said CliftonLarsonAllen provided a 50% cost savings over previous agreements.

Trustee Grayeb said he wanted the Board to know the Town Officials took their stewardship of taxpayer funds seriously, and he moved to approve the Resolution consenting to the employment of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, as outside independent auditors; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-112 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-113) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INDIVIDUALS to Prepare the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, with Request to APPROVE.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution designating individuals to prepare the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2024-2025; seconded by Trustee Velpula.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-113 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-114) RESOLUTION Designating the Time, Place and Date of the 2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, with Request to APPROVE.**

After noting the date of the next Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Trustee Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution designating the time, place, and date of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting; seconded by Trustee Riggenbach.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-114 designating the time, place, and date of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting was 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:**

**(23-115) \* Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Council with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**

**(23-116) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Commission to APPROVE the 2024 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATION.**

**(23-117) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Low BID of J.C. DILLON, INC., and Award a CONTRACT, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.00, from the Base Bid of \$41,276.40, for the CONCRETE REPAIRS CONTRACT - 2023. (All Council Districts)**

**(23-118) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the LOW BID of R.A. CULLINAN, A DIVISION OF UCM, INC. in the Amount of \$610,480.85 and Award a CONTRACT for the NEBRASKA AVENUE OVERLAY PROJECT 2023, with an Additional Authorization of \$ 61,019.15 (10%) for Contingencies, for a Total Contract Award of \$ 671,500. (Council District 1)**

**(23-119) Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE a One-Year CONTRACT with FIRE RECOVERY USA, with an Optional Year to Year Renewal.**

**(23-120) Communication from Mayor Ali and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION to Increase the BASE SALARY of the City Manager by THREE PERCENT (3%).**

**(23-121) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 23-121 Releasing the MINUTES of CLOSED MEETINGS Listed on Schedule A and for Confidentiality to Remain as to the MINUTES of Schedule B.**



**(23-122) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ali to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:**

**Jennifer Farrell (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2025  
Sarah Smith (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2026  
Justin Talavera (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2026**

**(23-123) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED with a Request to Concur:**  
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**E. Doug Gathers II (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2026**

**(23-124) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

**David Maroon Jr. (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2027**

**(23-125) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:**

**John Ray Jones (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2026**

**(23-126) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

**Shirlese Lewis (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2024**

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

Council Member Jensen requested Item Nos. 23-115 and 23-123 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council Communications; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Item Nos. 23-115 through 23-126 (excluding Item Nos. 23-115 and 23-123, 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.

**(23-115) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Council with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**  
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A revised Declaration of Local State of Emergency was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, seconded by Council Member Allen.

The Declaration of Local State of Emergency was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-123) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED with a Request to Concur:**  
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**E. Doug Gathers II (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2026**

Council Member Jensen inquired whether the proposed appointee was a resident of Peoria. Mayor Ali said Mr. Gathers lived in West Peoria, near the City of Peoria boundary. She explained this appointment would fill a long-time vacancy. In considering the appointment, she said other factors were considered, which included his work address.

Council Member Kelly questioned the permissibility of serving on the committee without being a City of Peoria resident. Mayor Ali and City Manager Urich explained that non-residents also offered valuable expertise, experience, and perspectives on issues with the City and may have the relevant work experience that could benefit the Committee's decision-making.

In light of the number of questions relating to qualification requirements and the composition of the Committee, Mayor Ali recommended a deferral in order to provide Council with additional information at a subsequent meeting.

Council Member Grayeb requested a Report Back on any mandates that members of this Committee had to live in the City of Peoria. He said it was often difficult to solicit qualified volunteers to serve, so it was important to consider other criteria when possible.

Council Member Jensen moved to defer the item to the April 25, 2023, City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Council Member Grayeb said he supported the deferral because there was no immediate need to fill the vacancy.

Motion to DEFER the item to the April 25, 2023, City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 10;

Nays: Cyr - 1.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**(23-127) Communication from the City Manager and Police Chief with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION on SHOTSPOTTER by ShotSpotter Staff.**

City Manager Urich recognized representatives from ShotSpotter present in Council Chambers. Police Chief Eric Echevarria said presentations were given to many community stakeholders in recent weeks addressing how the ShotSpotter technology worked.

Trish Layne, Midwest Director at ShotSpotter, said before the presentation began, she wanted to announce the rebranding of ShotSpotter to SoundThinking in an endeavor to encompass the entire public safety suite of solutions.

Kevin Johnson, Customer Success Director at ShotSpotter, discussed his history with the Chicago Police Department and the implementation of ShotSpotter during his tenure.

Paul John, Community Engagement Director with ShotSpotter, said it was the goal of ShotSpotter to help reduce gun violence in communities.

Ron Teachman, Director of Public Safety Solutions with ShotSpotter, began the presentation with an overview of the company, and the benefits of the ShotSpotter technology. He reviewed statistical reporting of gunshots with and without the technology, the effects on law enforcement response, the impact on the investigation, and the interruption of the violence cycle. He explained where ShotSpotter was deployed and how it was able to locate gunfire while differentiating and filtering other noises.

Mr. John described the potential of ShotSpotter technology, and he reviewed violence statistics, the long-term effects of nonfatal gun injuries, and the impact of fatal events on the community. He explained how ShotSpotter could help identify trends that would help the Police Department develop support strategies in areas of greatest need. For more information, he recommended going to their website at [www.soundthinking.com/community/data-for-good/](http://www.soundthinking.com/community/data-for-good/).

Discussions were held regarding the length of past contracts and the proposed terms of the contract renewal.

In response to Council Member Allen regarding bias concerns, Mr. Ron explained how the ShotSpotter identified probable gunfire events without violating privacy.

Discussions were held regarding Police response to ShotSpotter alerts when no evidence was located at the scene, the benefits of utilizing ShotSpotter technology for investigations combined with other technology comparing evidence and relating connected crimes, and the proposed expansion of the ShotSpotter coverage area in Peoria. Council Member Jensen described shootings near her neighborhood in recent years and expressed an interest in expanding the coverage area there.

In response to Council Member Cyr concerning the next steps, City Manager Urich said an item would be presented at the April 25, 2023, City Council Meeting for the Council to consider regarding ShotSpotter, noting costs and data would be included in the proposal. He confirmed the funding for the project was already allocated in the Budget.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file a presentation on ShotSpotter by ShotSpotter staff; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-128) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION on the Proposed Carbon Dioxide Pipeline.**

A copy of the presentation was distributed to all Council Members.

City Manager Ulrich said Council Member Jensen requested a Resolution at the March 28, 2023, City Council Meeting regarding the proposed carbon dioxide (CO<sup>2</sup>) pipeline project. He said direction was needed from the Council before drafting a Resolution and a presentation was prepared regarding the pipeline as well as Federal and State Legislation.

Corporation Counsel Patrick Hayes reviewed the proposed pipeline route in Illinois, the Federal Government's strategy for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and carbon sequestration. He said carbon management efforts resulted in 5,000 miles of pipeline currently in the United States, with an estimated 69,000 miles by 2050. He described the Mount Simon hub north of Decatur, Illinois, existing pipelines in Peoria County, pipeline safety, and risks of concentrated CO<sup>2</sup>. He said the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) had authority on pipeline safety, and he discussed how the Satartia accident triggered actions in May 2022 to strengthen safety, update standards and notification methods, as well as plan for geological consideration and changes, noting the regulatory actions were uncompleted. He said BioUrja was uncommitted to the proposed pipeline project. He discussed various transportation methods for CO<sup>2</sup>, including tanker trucks, which were pressurized the same as the pipeline method. He asked the Council to consider the U.S. net-zero strategy, incentives offered by the Federal Government to capture CO<sup>2</sup> emissions through pipelines, PHMSA regulation development, and the Illinois Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Sequestration Act. He concluded the presentation by stating the proposed supply line to BioUrja was tentative, the proposed pipeline would likely transverse Peoria County, and local industry could require CO<sup>2</sup> pipeline access.

Corporation Counsel Hayes said the Council could choose to state opposition to the proposed CO<sup>2</sup> pipeline, establish a statement of reservations based on safety, or remain neutral.

In response to Mayor Ali regarding the value of selling captured CO<sup>2</sup> emissions, Corporation Counsel Hayes said Federal incentives over the next twelve years would fund infrastructure implementation, then market value prices would be reinstated. He discussed the impact of CO<sup>2</sup> on global warming and efforts to sequester it.

Mayor Ali summarized a meeting with BioUrja that included City Manager Ulrich, Council Members Jackson and Oyler, and herself, regarding multiple options available to address CO<sup>2</sup> emissions, as well as learning about the processes and incentives involved.

Discussions were held regarding proposed locations, the timeline for BioUrja to make a decision, and the timeframe to build the proposed pipeline. Discussions continued regarding the process for installation of such a pipeline, and recent legislation stating these pipelines were beneficial to the State. City Manager Ulrich explained the process stating the petitioner had not yet applied through the State of Illinois, noting the entire application process could take at least a year.

Council Member Jensen advised caution for the Council because the proposed supply line was near residential areas, noting other pipelines were in more rural areas, and monitoring of the pipelines was not occurring as recommended.

City Manager Urich said the Council had limited options, but one to consider was weighing in during the State of Illinois regulatory process. He said stating opposition would likely have little impact. Council Member Jensen said it was important for the Council to be involved in the process and state their caution due to safety concerns.

Council Member Oyler said representatives of BioUrja indicated they would provide information once a decision had been made. He asked the Council to keep in mind CO<sup>2</sup> could be transported on rail cars or on trucks instead of a pipeline. He said a lot more analysis and conversations were needed to determine the safest solution. He said it was important to have a neutral position on the pipeline at that time due to guidance from the Federal Government incentivizing capturing CO<sup>2</sup> with great economic impact.

Council Member Jackson said there were many unknown factors regarding the proposed pipeline as they moved forward with their application process. She said her research did not locate any existing pipelines in residential areas, noting a supply line in Peoria was a concern for the entire City and surrounding area. She reviewed the explosion at the BioUrja plant in 2022 and the containment response that was required. She said she appreciated the BioUrja leadership reaction to the incident, but she said she was not ready to make a decision on the proposed pipeline, citing the need for more due diligence and community education. She said she was not opposed to the proposition, but she said she wanted to consider a moratorium to allow time to consider additional options.

Council Member Allen expressed concern regarding the potential impact the proposed pipeline could have on the community, especially as it related to the proximity to residential areas, especially to underserved communities where it was more difficult to recover from potential tragedies. In response to his inquiry about a federal mandate regarding the implementation of the pipelines, Corporation Counsel Hayes responded there were Federal incentives for installing CO<sup>2</sup> pipelines.

Discussions were held regarding the impact of a Council moratorium, the opportunity for the City of Peoria to participate in the State of Illinois application process, and the favorability of legislation on the industry with subsets of uses.

In response to Council Member Allen regarding the ability of the Council to impose setbacks from residential areas, Corporation Counsel Hayes stated setbacks might be an option based on various factors, including the impact on the local population, in order to make a compelling case for additional safety measures or a denial. Council Member Allen said it was important to be mindful of citizens impacted by the project through emergency preparedness considerations.

Council Member Riggerbach said the Net Zero Strategy was a noble cause with unintended consequences that left the Council with a decision on how best to achieve those goals. He reviewed the CO<sup>2</sup> released into the atmosphere as a part of the BioUrja manufacturing process, and the intent of the Net Zero Strategy to capture those emissions to reduce the effects of climate change. He said he was not opposed to the pipeline based on the long-term environmental goals, but he stated his concerns and said it was important for the Council to stay involved in the process, noting there was a lot of information to consider.

Council Member Kelly expressed his concerns regarding the health risks the pipeline could cause. He described the process of liquifying CO<sup>2</sup> to send it through the pipeline, and he suggested sending gas through the pipeline, allowing it to undergo the liquefaction and pressurization process outside the City of Peoria to reduce the risks. He said it was important to determine if there were alternative methods to achieve the same result.

Council Member Grayeb said it was the primary responsibility of the Council to protect the citizens of Peoria, and he described situations when the Council addressed hazards in the past. He said citizens looked to the Council to make decisions that would benefit the community. He said the Council should send a message in opposition to the pipeline. He said because the proposed pipeline was in a densely populated area, he was opposed to the proposition.

Council Member Ruckriegel said the Council should continue discussions as the proposal progressed. He said there were many unknown factors involved and he wanted as much information as possible regarding safe CO<sup>2</sup> transportation methods, geological stability, and regional impact. He suggested joining with other entities, such as Peoria County, in future efforts and communications to strengthen the voice of the community regarding a solution to benefit all. He reiterated the importance of discussing the pipeline on a regular basis to take everything into consideration throughout the process, noting more information was needed before he could offer his support.

Council Member Jensen moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Nick Firmand, Amelia Stag, and Joyce Blumenshine.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ali granted Privilege of the Floor to Nick Firmand, Amelia Stag, and Joyce Blumenshine.

Nick Firmand, a member of the Sierra Club and a citizen of Peoria, asked the Council to impose a moratorium until residents on the Southside had more information on the potential risks and benefits of the proposed project in order to make an informed decision. He said there were many factors to consider regarding safety and community and environmental impact. He said an endorsement from the Federal Government was not a sufficient reason to support the endeavor.

Amelia Stag, a concerned citizen, asked the Council to consider the infrastructure for the pipeline, the highly regulated rail and highway transportation industry, and the amending PHMSA regulations of pipelines. She said more information was needed, and she discussed the risks of pressurized gases and the different modes of its transportation. She remarked on the importance of citizen input, the financial implications of CO<sup>2</sup> sequestration, and the impact of a moratorium in order to provide more time to acquire information before a decision was made.

Joyce Blumenshine, a member of the Sierra Club, asked the Council to take a stand, perform due diligence, and determine the impact a pipeline would have on the citizens of South Peoria. She asked them to impose a moratorium to make a statement that facts were needed in this high-risk situation. She reviewed previous pipeline incidents across the country and potential new regulations. She asked the Council to take their time making a decision while keeping this topic in regular discussions.

Mayor Ali asked for several options regarding possible Council action to be presented at a subsequent City Council Meeting for consideration, including a neutral position, a moratorium, and additional safety provisions. She said the options needed to be further explored in order for the Council to take an official position. She asked the Council if they had additional questions, to submit them to Corporation Counsel Hayes.

Council Member Grayeb said it would be beneficial to hear from experts on both sides of the issue, to gather more information, and to determine safety risks. He said he did not support a moratorium because he did not support the CO<sup>2</sup> pipeline, noting it was an unacceptable risk in

highly populated areas. He said the Council should confer with Peoria County officials and send a strong message that the pipeline was an unacceptable risk.

Council Member Allen requested a Report Back with information on how other municipalities were reacting to this pipeline, noting the entire region would be affected. He said this would provide an opportunity for multiple entities to combine their messages.

Council Member Kelly moved to receive and file a presentation on the proposed carbon dioxide pipeline; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Council Member Jackson said her main concern was for the citizens who were unaware of the situation, and she thanked the Sierra Club for bringing this issue to the attention of the Council. She said it was important to consider disparities in the community and the impact Council decisions would have on the citizens and the environment.

Council Member Ruckriegel requested a more detailed map with spurs branching off the main pipeline to be included in the Report Back, noting it appeared some municipalities were intentionally bypassed in the proposed route. He said it was important to view the entire picture.

Motion to receive and file a presentation on the proposed carbon dioxide pipeline was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**FIRST READINGS**

**(23-129) Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Related to FIRE SERVICES RECOVERY with a Third-Party Vendor.**

City Manager Urich said this was the first reading of an Ordinance concerning fire services recovery, and he said the item would come back to the Council for approval at the April 25, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Fire Chief Shawn Sollberger said the fire services recovery concept was presented to the Council at the February 28, 2023, City Council Meeting (Item No. 23-062), the Agreement with Fire Services USA was just approved on the Consent Agenda (Item No. 23-119), and he presented the proposed Ordinance related to Fire Services Recovery to the Council.

Council Member Oyler moved to receive and file a first reading of an Ordinance related to fire services recovery with a third-party vendor; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the April 25, 2023, City Council Agenda.*

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

- (23-130) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE from DECKER SUPPLY COMPANY for TRAFFIC FEEDBACK SIGNS, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$42,000.00. (Requires 2/3 Vote of Council Members Voting - No Less Than 6 Votes) (All Council Districts)**

Public Works Director Rick Powers said purchasing from Decker Supply Company the parts to repair the signs would result in reduced costs versus replacing them.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the sole source purchase from Decker Supply Company for traffic feedback signs, in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

After Council Member Grayeb asked how many signs the City would receive, Director Powers said the purchase was for parts to repair existing signs in the City. Council Member Grayeb said the traffic feedback signs were important for neighborhood safety. Director Powers confirmed the parts would repair the small and large traffic feedback signs.

Motion to approve the sole source purchase from Decker Supply Company for traffic feedback signs, in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (23-131) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with BERRY DUNN MCNEIL & PARKER, LLC, (BerryDunn) for the Development of the City of Peoria STRATEGIC PLAN, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$74,900.00, Plus Reimbursable Costs. (All Council Districts)**

Assistant City Manager Kimberly Richardson said a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued to select a firm to assist with the City's Strategic Plan. Out of the applicants, she said BerryDunn was selected to partner with the City to manage the multi-phase process leading up to the 2024-2025 Biennial Budget discussions. She said BerryDunn had ample experience to work with Staff to develop, establish, and implement the Strategic Plan. She said volunteer community facilitators would assist with community engagement and visioning. She described the selection and interview process that resulted in identifying BerryDunn as the best choice for the Strategic Planning process.

Mayor Ali thanked Assistant City Manager Richardson for her leadership in this process, and Council Members Riggerbach and Cyr for participating in the selection process. She compared the qualifications, prices, and services of the companies considered, and she asked the Council for their support to approve the Professional Services Agreement with BerryDunn, noting it would help guide the Budget process and involve the community in building a new Strategic Plan for the City of Peoria.

In response to Council Member Cyr regarding reimbursable costs, Assistant City Manager Richardson said those costs related to travel, printing, graphics, and other items built into the plan as optional costs.



After he said it was a lot of money, but he was excited for the results, Council Member Cyr moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, LLC, (BerryDunn) for the development of the City of Peoria Strategic Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$74,900.00, plus reimbursable costs; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

In response to Council Member Allen on the longevity of the new Strategic Plan, Assistant City Manager Richardson said they were working on a five-year plan, with a two-year benchmark for progress. Council Member Allen said it was important to make the needed changes to help the City continue to move forward after the pandemic.

Council Member Riggerbach said it was important to review existing plans and determine efficacy during this process through the third-party evaluation. He said gathering community and Staff input combined with leadership from the Council would construct a plan with measurable results.

Council Member Grayeb said he did not approve of hiring companies outside the City to make decisions for Peoria, stating those familiar with the City would be beneficial. He said he would not support the Agreement.

In response to Council Member Oyler on why a local company was not chosen, Mayor Ali said local applicants were encouraged to apply, but it was determined they were not a good fit. She stated BerryDunn did work in Illinois and with several local agencies.

Assistant City Manager Richardson explained the extra services provided through the BerryDunn Agreement to ensure accountability effectiveness. She said it was important to bring forward an executable plan that benefitted the City, and the experience of professionals was integral to achieving that outcome.

Council Member Oyler remarked on the importance of educating local business owners on the necessary qualifications needed in order for them to compete and qualify in the RFP process.

Motion to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, LLC, (BerryDunn) for the development of the City of Peoria Strategic Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$74,900.00, plus reimbursable costs, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 10;

Nays: Grayeb – 1.

**(23-132) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the KM REAL PROPERTIES, LLC, REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT for the UNIVERSITY/WAR TIF DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. (Council District 2)**

Assistant City Manager Richardson said this Ordinance followed an Inducement Resolution previously approved by the Council on April 27, 2021. She said the Inducement Resolution was a commitment that allowed the developer to be reimbursed for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) eligible costs up to \$900,000.00. She said the site was improved with an access road directly leading to the site and was ready for building construction. She said approval of the Redevelopment Agreement would ready the site for potential development, with a list of excluded allowable businesses.

In response to Council Member Kelly regarding when the funds would be reimbursed for road construction, Assistant City Manager Richardson said the road was completed and the funds would be reimbursed as funds were allocated to the TIF.

Council Member Grayeb said he looked forward to the development of the project at a critical parcel located in the center of the City. He expressed his appreciation for the list of prohibited business uses, and he said he believed the endeavor would garner great results.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the KM Real Properties, LLC, Redevelopment Agreement for the University/War TIF District Redevelopment Project Area; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

ORDINANCE NO. 18,061 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Corporation Counsel Hayes said TIF revenues funded public infrastructure rehabilitation costs such as Fire Station renovations, and he noted the positive impact it would have on critical services and economic development in the City.

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

**(22-293) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending ARTICLE 19 (Operation of a Cannabis Business) of CHAPTER 18 (Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) of the CODE of the City of Peoria.**

A revised Council Communication was distributed to all Council Members.

Corporation Counsel Hayes said a revised Council Communication was distributed reflecting the prohibition of onsite consumption outlined in the proposed Ordinance. He said the Ordinance provided five implementations related to the following: social equity applicants to include annual proof of status, restrictions of located at least 1,500 feet from an existing dispensary, transferal of licenses terms, prohibition of onsite consumption, and limiting the number of dispensaries in Peoria to six with three reserved for social equity applicants.

In response to Council Member Riggerbach regarding the proposed changes to reduce the expiration of Special Use permits for cannabis dispensaries from 2 years to 6 months, Corporation Counsel Hayes said the Council permitted the City Manager to authorize a 6-month extension beyond the 6-month expiration, for a total of the one year provision reflected in the draft Ordinance scheduled to be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission at a Special Meeting scheduled on April 25, 2023.

Discussions were held on the effect of the Code amendments for existing Special Use permit holders for cannabis dispensaries.

Council Member Allen commended the Council for productive discussions concerning cannabis businesses in Peoria and for taking meaningful action, noting a reevaluation in a few years was prudent to adjust regulations as necessary.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Allen moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Article 19 (Operation of a Cannabis Business) of Chapter 18 (Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) of the Code of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

ORDINANCE NO. 18,062 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 10;

Nays: Cyr – 1.

**(23-090) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with ROADWAY ASSET SERVICES, LLC (RAS), in the Amount of \$109,778.00 for the PAVEMENT CONDITION INDEX (PCI) UPDATE 2023 PROJECT. (All Council Districts)**

Public Works Director Rick Powers said this item was deferred at the March 28, 2023, City Council Meeting due to a request for additional information on the previous vendor and RFP process. He said the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission previously issued the RFP, and the City of Peoria participated in their program. He said Roadway Asset Services, LLC, (RAS) was a different vendor, and the results of the City's RFP process were included in the information provided to the Council. He noted the City had not used the same vendor twice since 2014.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Roadway Asset Services, LLC (RAS), in the amount of \$109,778.00 for the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Update 2023 Project; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Council Member Elect Mike Vespa**

Mayor Ali recognized and welcomed Council Member Elect Mike Vespa.

**Peoria Fashion Week**

Council Member Allen announced Peoria Fashion Week was from April 13-15, 2023, and he highlighted the dynamic culture of Peoria and improving recruitment and retention of citizens.

**New Street Drug Warning**

Council Member Grayeb asked Police Chief Eric Echevarria for an update regarding a new street drug found across the country called Tranq, which was highly toxic and caused necrosis. Chief Echevarria said information was updating regularly regarding this new street drug and its impact on communities.

**Housing Solutions**

Council Member Grayeb said it was important to find housing solutions for unhoused citizens, and he acknowledged the efforts of Community Development Director Joe Dulin and his Staff for their efforts to mitigate risks to the vulnerable population. He said the Council was determined to provide services to those in the community who needed it most, and he asked Director Dulin about efforts to aid those in homeless encampments. Director Dulin credited the nonprofit organizations in the community who worked with unhoused citizens daily, noting they were the experts who quickly addressed issues and provided resources. He reviewed upcoming housing solution projects, noting there was still work to do supporting and encouraging housing partners to see real progress in coming years. Council Member Grayeb said mental health initiatives have contributed to the positive impact as well, stating it was important to continue to strive for better.

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

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ali granted privilege of the floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council/Town Board as follows:

Lorie Isabeles, a citizen of Peoria, said the sewer in her home had been backed up for the last two months since there had been road construction near her home. She said she had reached out to the City with no response back. She said she hired someone to check the sewer and it was reported that the problem existed under the City street. She said it caused safety concerns in her home and she asked the City for assistance. Mayor Ali said Staff would speak with her after the meeting.

Kristen Meierkord, President of the ACLU, said more information was needed regarding the expanding use of license plate readers and ShotSpotter technology in Peoria. She said previous discussions with community members were beneficial when periodic audits were requested to evaluate the continued use and efficacy of the technology. She discussed the intentions of the technology and reported on the efficacy from other municipalities. She said funding should be focused on education, risk mitigation, and growing jobs. She played a video of a gun violence incident outside her home and noted the lack of emergency response. She said violence prevention was necessary but said the City needed to do better.

Vivian Taylor, PHD, a citizen of Peoria, said stock recently plummeted for ShotSpotter, and as a result, they changed their name to SoundThinking. She offered alternatives to ShotSpotter technology and discussed the impact of ShotSpotter on other cities across the country. She explained why she believed ShotSpotter was a poor solution for Peoria, noting it was the priority of the Council to be fiscally responsible and to hire local vendors.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was determined that there was no need for an Executive Session at that time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

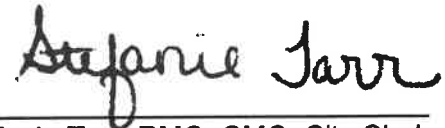
Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the April 11, 2023, Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Motion to adjourn the April 11, 2023, Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 P.M.



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

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