

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Special Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held May 4, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

CONVENING OF THE OLD CITY COUNCIL

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were present: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oylar, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

COVID-19 PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, as amended and extended, which limits meetings to the lesser of 25 persons or 25% of the overall room capacity, with the exception of individuals with proof of full vaccination plus 14 days or a negative COVID-19 test one to three days prior to the meeting who do not count against capacity limits; and requiring the provision of video, audio or telephonic access to meetings; as well as the CDC recommending social distancing of at least 6-feet between persons; City Hall is implementing changes and restrictions for the Special City Council Meeting: Swearing In Ceremony on May 4, 2021, while complying with the spirit of the Open Meetings Act.

The Council Meeting was held in person in City Council Chambers. There was a room capacity restriction and all seats were reserved. There were two rooms at the Civic Center live streaming the event for the public. Temperature screenings, face coverings and proof of vaccination or recent negative COVID test as applicable for capacity limits were required for access.

Members of the public and media were invited to watch through the live stream on the City of Peoria's website, YouTube channel, Local TV Channel 22, or listen through WCBU Radio.

While Public Comment was available in-person, the option to submit comments through the City Clerk's Office due to room capacity restrictions was also available, and any submissions were read into the record. The agenda, minutes and video podcast of the meeting were available online through the City's website.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

- (21-111) **Official Canvass Results of the Consolidated General Election for the Town held on April 6, 2021, with Request to RECEIVE AND FILE.**

A copy of a signed Official Canvass result was distributed to all Trustees.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the Official Canvass Results of the Consolidated General Election for the Town held on April 6, 2021; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

- (21-112) **Official Canvass Results of the Consolidated General Election for the City of Peoria held on April 6, 2021, with Request to RECEIVE AND FILE.**

A copy of a signed Official Canvass result was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the Official Canvass results of the Consolidated General Election for the City of Peoria held on April 6, 2021; seconded by Council member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRING ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Ardis presented the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION
BETH BALL****CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PEORIA**

WHEREAS, Beth Ball has served the City of Peoria since August 1989, but has served as City Clerk from June 26, 2012, until May 4, 2021. This year brings to an end Thirty-Two years of dedicated service by Beth Ball to the City of Peoria, during which she has given freely of her time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by her dedication; and

WHEREAS, Beth Ball, in her role as City Clerk has served as a link between citizens and local governing bodies and has demonstrated exceptional professionalism and unparalleled knowledge. She earned the distinction of Master Municipal Clerk and while performing the many duties of a City Clerk, thousands of people have enjoyed hearing her voice during City Council Meetings over the years. While her professional accomplishments are many, her most important desire was to serve God.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council, on behalf of its members, the officials and employees of the City of Peoria, and the citizens of the community, do hereby express to Beth Ball sincere and profound appreciation and thanks for her years of dedicated service as the Peoria City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable Beth Ball be presented with this resolution, and this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria, Illinois.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, 4th day of May, 2021 A.D.

/S/ JAMES E ARDIS

Mayor Jim Ardis

/S/ JOHN KELLY

Council Member John Kelly

/S/ DENISE MOORE

Council Member Denise Moore

/S/ RITA ALI

Council Member Rita Ali

/S/ TIMOTHY RIGGENBACH

Council Member Tim Riggenschach

/S/ CHARLES GRAYEB

Council Member Charles V. Grayeb

/S/ ELIZABETH JENSEN

Council Member Beth Jensen

/S/ SID RUCKRIEGEL

Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel

/S/ ZACH OYLER

Council Member Zach Oyler

/S/ DENIS CYR

Council Member Denis Cyr

/S/ JIM MONTELONGO

Council Member Jim Montelongo

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/S/ CHRISSIE PETERSON

Corporation Counsel

City Clerk Beth Ball said she had been overwhelmed by comments, cards, and calls in the last week from everyone wishing her well on her retirement. She said it was bittersweet, however she said she felt comfortable passing the office on to City Clerk Elect Stefanie Tarr, stating it would be a continuation of what was started, which would be upgraded and improved. She said it was a great pleasure to serve the citizens of Peoria and she thanked them for voting for her over the years. She recognized her husband Fred Ball, stating they would be celebrating 49 years of marriage at the end of this year. She said she looked forward to spending more time with her family. She recognized her current Staff Stefanie Tarr, Trina Bonds, Courtney Coe, and Connie Duffy. She thanked the current and past City Council, stating it had been fun to work with everyone. She said she had established a good and long lasting relationship with

Mayor Ardis, City Manager Urich, Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson and City Treasurer Patrick Nichting. She bid everyone farewell, but not goodbye, stating she looked forward to the next chapter of her life.

Mayor Ardis thanked City Clerk Beth Ball for her leadership in the City Clerk's Office. He thanked her for her mentorship of City Clerk Elect Stefanie Tarr and the rest of the Staff in the office. He also recognized Fred Ball who had served the City of Peoria for 25 years as a Police Officer. He said the Council could not express their gratitude enough for everything she had done for the City of Peoria.

RESOLUTION
PATRICK NICHTING

CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

WHEREAS, Patrick A. Nichting has served as Treasurer for the City of Peoria, Illinois, from May 2009 until May 4, 2021, and this year brings to an end twelve years of dedicated service by Patrick A. Nichting to the City of Peoria, during which he has given freely of his time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by his dedication; and

WHEREAS, Patrick A. Nichting, by his many years of efficient service as Treasurer representing the residents of Peoria, has served as a member of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, City/County Landfill Committee, Police Pension Board of Trustees, Firemen's Pension Board of Trustees, and elected to the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund Board. He has also served twelve years as the Township Collector and has well-earned the endless gratitude of the citizens of Peoria;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council, on behalf of its members, the officials and employees of the City of Peoria, and the citizens of the community, do hereby express to Patrick A. Nichting, sincere and profound appreciation and thanks for his years of dedicated service as the Peoria City Treasurer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable Patrick A. Nichting be presented with this resolution, and this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria, Illinois, attested to by the City Clerk.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, 4th day of May, 2021 A.D.

/S/ JAMES E ARDIS

Mayor Jim Ardis

/S/ JOHN KELLY

Council Member John Kelly

/S/ DENISE MOORE

Council Member Denise Moore

/S/ RITA ALI

Council Member Rita Ali

/S/ TIMOTHY RIGGENBACH

Council Member Tim Riggenschach

/S/ CHARLES GRAYEB

Council Member Charles V. Grayeb

/S/ ELIZABETH JENSEN

Council Member Beth Jensen

/S/ SID RUCKRIEGEL
Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel

/S/ ZACH OYLER
Council Member Zach Oyler

/S/ DENIS CYR
Council Member Denis Cyr

/S/ JIM MONTELONGO
Council Member Jim Montelongo

ATTEST:

/S/ BETH BALL
City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/S/ CHRISSIE PETERSON
Corporation Counsel

City Treasurer Patrick Nichting said he had enjoyed working with everyone. He thanked the City Council and City Treasurers before him, stating it had been an honor to serve and to serve the citizens of Peoria. He said he was fortunate to have an excellent Staff, and he recognized Darlene Coates – O’Conner, Kayla Casey, Maria Santiago and Tiffany Caldwell. He said it was the people who worked at City Hall everyday behind the scenes who helped get things done. He expressed his appreciation to his Staff and all their efforts. He also thanked his wife Nancy, for standing beside him while serving and being understanding of the time and hours involved. He said he enjoyed working with City Clerk Ball and Mayor Ardis over the years. He commented the Council did not always have to agree, but the Council should not be disagreeable. He said Council seats were difficult and very challenging, but remarked on the importance of keeping communications open, stating Peoria’s greatest assets were its people.

RESOLUTION
JIM MONTELONGO

CITY OF PEORIA FOURTH DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER

WHEREAS, Jim Montelongo has served as the Fourth District Council Member for the City of Peoria, Illinois, from May 7, 2013, until May 4, 2021, during which he has given freely of his time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by his dedication to the City;

WHEREAS, Jim Montelongo, in recognition of his generous contribution of time and talent given on behalf of the City that will impact the future of the City of Peoria for generations to come, it is with profound appreciation and thanks for his service as a Peoria City Council Member. This year as Jim Montelongo completes his eighth year as Fourth District Council Member, he has earned the endless gratitude of the citizens of Peoria.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable Jim Montelongo be presented with this Resolution, and this Resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria, Illinois, attested to by the City Clerk.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, 4th day of May, 2021
A.D.

/S/ JAMES E ARDIS

Mayor Jim Ardis

/S/ JOHN KELLY

Council Member John Kelly

/S/ DENISE MOORE

Council Member Denise Moore

/S/ RITA ALI

Council Member Rita Ali

/S/ TIMOTHY RIGGENBACH

Council Member Tim Riggerbach

/S/ CHARLES GRAYEB

Council Member Charles V. Grayeb

/S/ ELIZABETH JENSEN

Council Member Beth Jensen

/S/ SID RUCKRIEGEL

Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel

/S/ ZACH OYLER

Council Member Zach Oyler

/S/ DENIS CYR

Council Member Denis Cyr

ATTEST:

/S/ BETH BALL

City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/S/ CHRISSIE PETERSON

Corporation Counsel

Council Member Montelongo wished Mayor Ardis, City Clerk Ball and City Treasurer Nichting the best on their endeavors, stating he considered them community giants with the numbers of years of service and commitment they gave to Peoria. He wished Council Member Moore the best on her next endeavors, stating he was always impressed with the amount of time and passion she spent on the Council. He said it had been an honor and pleasure to serve the City of Peoria for the last eight years. He said he enjoyed working with other Council Members to help the City of Peoria to move forward. He said he enjoyed working with the neighborhoods, neighborhood associations and presidents. He thanked the residents, City Staff, and those who attended his Coffee and Conversations over the last few years. He wished the new Council all the best, stating the City was in very capable and good hands with people who cared for and wanted the best for Peoria.

RESOLUTION
DENISE MOORE

CITY OF PEORIA FIRST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER

WHEREAS, Denise Moore has served as the First District Council Member for the City of Peoria, Illinois, from May 7, 2013, until May 4, 2021, during which she has given freely of her time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by her dedication to the City;

WHEREAS, Denise Moore, by her years of efficient service as First District Council Member has served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations, Downtown Development Corporation, Metro Peoria Committee, Tourism Reserve Fund, the Fair Employment Commission, and the Fair Housing Commission. She has well-earned the endless gratitude of the citizens of Peoria;

WHEREAS, Denise Moore, in recognition of her generous contribution of time and talent given on behalf of the City that will impact the future of the City of Peoria for generations to come, it is with profound appreciation and thanks for her service as a Peoria City Council Member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable Denise Moore be presented with this Resolution, and this Resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria, Illinois, attested to by the City Clerk.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, 4th day of May, 2021 A.D.

/S/ JAMES E ARDIS
Mayor Jim Ardis

/S/ JOHN KELLY
Council Member John Kelly

/S/ JIM MONTELONGO
Council Member Jim Montelongo

/S/ RITA ALI
Council Member Rita Ali

/S/ TIMOTHY RIGGENBACH
Council Member Tim Riggensch

/S/ CHARLES GRAYEB
Council Member Charles V. Grayeb

/S/ ELIZABETH JENSEN
Council Member Beth Jensen

/S/ SID RUCKRIEGEL
Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel

/S/ ZACH OYLER
Council Member Zach Oyler

/S/ DENIS CYR
Council Member Denis Cyr

ATTEST:

/S/ BETH BALL
City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/S/ CHRISSIE PETERSON
Corporation Counsel

Council Member Moore expressed the importance of City Staff who helped Council Members with their accomplishments. She commented on her colleagues sitting around the horseshoe stating she had learned a lot from everyone over the years. To the incoming Council Members, she commented on the importance of listening to those around them and to do the research and the work. She said she was the first African American woman elected to the City Council,

noting the first woman who sat on the Council was in 1953. She said it had been an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of the First District. She said she was proud of her accomplishments while on the City Council, and she listed a few. She said her light would continue to burn bright, her legacy would continue, and her voice would not be silenced. She recognized Mayor Elect Rita Ali, stating she had no doubt the City was on its way to greatness. She thanked the citizens of the First District for the honor to serve; she thanked City Staff for helping her find her voice; and she thanked her family, especially her husband, for all the support he provided over the years.

RESOLUTION
FRANK ABDNOUR

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

WHEREAS, the profession of Township Supervisor is a vital position in local government. The Township Supervisor is the Chief Executive Officer of the Township who oversees the General Assistance and is the treasurer of all Township funds with the responsibility of assisting those citizens who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances and in need of government support.

WHEREAS, Frank Abdnour has served as Township Supervisor of the Town of the City of Peoria from May 2, 2017, until May 4, 2021, during which he has given freely of his time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township Officials and employees of the Town of the City of Peoria, and the citizens of the community, do hereby express to Frank Abdnour sincere and profound appreciation and thanks for his years of service as TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR.

PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, 4th day of May, 2021 A.D.

/S/ JAMES E ARDIS
Chairman Jim Ardis

/S/ JOHN KELLY
Trustee John Kelly

/S/ RITA ALI
Trustee Rita Ali

/S/ DENISE MOORE
Trustee Denise Moore

/S/ TIMOTHY RIGGENBACH
Trustee Tim Riggensch

/S/ CHARLES GRAYEB
Trustee Charles V. Grayeb

/S/ ELIZABETH JENSEN
Trustee Beth Jensen

/S/ SID RUCKRIEGEL
Trustee Sid P. Ruckriegel

/S/ ZACH OYLER
Trustee Zach Oyler

/S/ DENIS CYR
Trustee Denis Cyr

/S/ JIM MONTELONGO
Trustee Jim Montelongo

ATTEST:

/S/ BETH BALL

Town Clerk

Hearing no objection, City Manager Urich read the following citizen comment:

Leon Ricca, Mayor of Bartonville, congratulated Mayor Ardis on his 16 years of service as Mayor of the City of Peoria as well as previous years as Council Member. He remarked on the positive impact the Mayor had on the outlying communities in the Tri-County area. He said Mayor Ardis was always someone the Mayors of the Tri-County area admired. He said as the Tri-County region continued to prosper, it was largely due to the leadership of Mayor Ardis with the Peoria City Council. He said his knowledge and leadership would be missed. He wished Mayor Ardis well in the future and wished Mayor-Elect Ali and Council success in everything they set out to do in the future.

RESOLUTION
JIM ARDIS

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

WHEREAS, Jim Ardis first served the City of Peoria as a Council Member from 1999 until he was sworn in as Mayor on May 3, 2005. After four consecutive terms, Mayor Ardis will conclude his service on May 4, 2021, almost sixteen years to the day he was sworn in. Following his family’s legacy of public service, he has dedicated his efforts and time to his hometown and those who live here; and

WHEREAS, his accomplishments are many. During his service the City has been transformed through the revitalization of the Warehouse District and major construction projects in the medical sector. Investment in infrastructure has improved transportation for all residents. Innovation has flourished in small companies and large. Students have been given the opportunity of higher education through Peoria Promise and summer work through the Mayor’s Youth Program. Peoria brought home a title for “Best City Hall” and was named an “All American City” for the fourth time; and

WHEREAS; under his leadership the City has celebrated many successes and faced incredible challenges and all the while Mayor Ardis maintained consistent, steady leadership and kept the needs of the residents at the forefront;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council, on behalf of its members, the officials and employees of the City of Peoria, and the citizens of the community, do hereby express to Mayor Jim Ardis, sincere and profound appreciation and thanks for his years of dedicated service as Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable Jim Ardis be presented this resolution, and this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria, Illinois, attested to by the City Clerk.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, this 4th day of May, 2021 A.D.

/S/ JOHN KELLY
Council Member John Kelly

/S/ DENISE MOORE
Council Member Denise Moore

/S/ RITA ALI
Council Member Rita Ali

/S/ TIMOTHY RIGGENBACH
Council Member Tim Riggensch

/S/ CHARLES GRAYEB
Council Member Charles V. Grayeb

/S/ ELIZABETH JENSEN
Council Member Beth Jensen

/S/ SID RUCKRIEGEL
Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel

/S/ ZACH OYLER
Council Member Zach Oyler

/S/ DENIS CYR
Council Member Denis Cyr

/S/ JIM MONTELONGO
Council Member Jim Montelongo

ATTEST:

/S/ BETH BALL
City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/S/ CHRISSIE PETERSON
Corporation Counsel

Mayor Ardis thank God, who had provided him with a lot of guidance, direction and grace. He thanked his parents for providing guidance to him and his siblings in their formative years about the importance of public service. He said he had been honored to serve the City of Peoria for the last 22 years, with the last 16 years as Mayor. He thanked the citizens of Peoria for allowing him to serve. He thanked his wife of 34 years and children for their patience and consideration they had given him for a few missed family events. He thanked City Manager Urich, stating it was an unbelievable opportunity to serve with one of the best City Managers with unbelievable talent and the highest level of integrity. He also recognized Mr. Henry Holling who had served on two occasions as City Manager to fill the position until one was found. He said he was excited to have the opportunity to present the City of Peoria with Dr. Ali and her administration. He said he was more than confident Dr. Ali's leadership skills, knowledge of the community and desire to take the community to the next level would be achieved. He said the community would soon witness history in the City of Peoria. He wished Dr. Ali the best stating Peoria's best days were ahead. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and he said he looked forward to Dr. Ali to serve as Mayor of the City of Peoria.

Council Member Riggensch expressed gratitude for the steady and stable leadership Mayor Ardis provided over the years. He said Mayor Ardis helped navigate the City through the global crisis of 2008-2009 and the recent pandemic. He said that leadership was something for which everyone was grateful. He said Mayor Ardis demonstrated leadership throughout the community with his commitment to St. Jude and Peoria Promise. He remarked on the impact those efforts had on the families of Peoria, and he expressed his appreciation to Mayor Ardis for all he had done for the community.

(21-113) Consideration of a Motion to Request APPROVAL of the RESOLUTIONS Commending Outgoing Elected Officials and to Direct the City Clerk to Spread the Resolutions upon the Permanent Record.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the Resolutions commending outgoing elected officials and to direct the City Clerk to spread the Resolution upon the permanent record; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Oyler moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

The Council Meeting adjourned sine die at 6:49 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk
City of Peoria, Illinois

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****ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE****

City Clerk Beth Ball administered the Oath of Office to newly elected City Clerk Stefanie Tarr.

City Clerk Stefanie Tarr administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected Officials:

Mayor Rita Ali
City Treasurer Stephen Morris
1st District Council Member Denise Jackson
2nd District Council Member Charles V. Grayeb
3rd District Council Member Timothy D. Riggerbach
4th District Council Member Andre Wesley Allen
5th District Council Member Denis Cyr
Township Supervisor LaTrina Leary

City Clerk Stefanie Tarr said Max E. Schlafly was elected to the office of Township Assessor for the Town of the City of Peoria on April 6, 2021, but will not begin his term until January 1, 2022, and will be sworn in on that date.

CONVENING OF THE NEW CITY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was reconvened May 4, 2021, at 7:30 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, Mayor Ali – 10. Absent: None.

INVOCATION

Minister Loreece Hightower gave the invocation.

REMARKS BY NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Ali opened the floor to the newly elected and reelected officials to speak regarding their election.

City Clerk Stefanie Tarr began by thanking former City Clerk Beth Ball for her mentorship, then thanked God, her family, and friends for their support. She described how the campaign provided her the opportunity to get to know the citizens of Peoria and to further explore the community. She thanked the Clerk's Office staff and said she looked forward to working with them in this new chapter. City Clerk Tarr concluded by promising to protect the rich history of the City while preparing for its future. She said the City Clerk's Office would continue to strive for open and transparent government and provide easy access to documents for citizens.

City Treasurer Stephen Morris said, as a Peoria native, he was proud to be where he was today. He thanked his family for their love and support. He said he looked forward to working with the new Madam Mayor and the City Council to build a better future for the City of Peoria.

Township Supervisor LaTrina Leary, a Peoria native, described what Peoria meant to her and credited God for the encouragement to run for the office of Peoria Township Supervisor. She described the importance of voting and how every single vote counts. She thanked her family for helping her on the journey to being elected. She described how she saw Peoria heading in a good direction and how proud she was to be a part of it. She said she was honored to be the first woman and first person of color to hold the office of Peoria Township Supervisor and she looked forward to making the Town of the City of Peoria proud.

1st District Council Member Denise Jackson began by congratulating Mayor Ali on her election, and she thanked God and her parents for helping her get to where she was today. She talked about her past experience serving the community and the journey she took to run and be elected to serve on the City Council representing the First District. She expressed her gratitude for the ability to serve the community and to work with City Staff for the City that she loved.

2nd District Council Member Charles Grayeb said it was a pleasure to continue to serve the citizens of Peoria and it was an honor to represent the people of the 2nd District. He said he believed the best days for Peoria were ahead and encouraged hard work and unification for the greater good. He recounted how those who moved to Peoria described it as a great city and the opportunities it provided. He said any problem could be resolved by what was the best in all of the Council. He concluded by thanking the Mayor, Council Members, and his friends and family.

3rd District Council Member Timothy Riggerbach thanked the voters and the residents that voted for his reelection to represent the third district. He recognized his family for their years of hard work and for their support. He said he looked forward to working with the Mayor and Council Members, citing song lyrics that summed up his prayer for the City, '*greater things are yet to come, greater things are still to be done*'.

4th District Council Member Andre Allen thanked Mayor Ali and remarked on the monumental occasion. He thanked God for supporting him through the election and for the ability to represent the fourth district. He thanked his family for all the love and support. He said Peoria's best days were ahead and he looked forward to working with City Staff to learn everything he could to bring that future to fruition.

5th District Council Member Denis Cyr congratulated Mayor Ali and the newly elected members of the Council. He thanked City Staff and Council Members, as well as former Mayor Ardis, former Council Member Montelongo and former Council Member Denise Moore, for their assistance during his first term. He also thanked his family for their support during the campaign. He thanked his friends and neighbors in the fifth district for their vote and he said he looked forward to serving the community for his second term.

Mayor Rita Ali thanked God for making her an instrument of peace and love and said what an honor it was that her path brought her to where she was today. She thanked former Mayor Jim Ardis for a smooth and classy transition and for his dedicated service to the City of Peoria. She said how blessed she was to be surrounded by confident supporters and how important unity and relationships were to the office of Mayor. She talked about her retirement plans from Illinois Central College in order to give her the ability to devote her attention entirely to the City of Peoria. She said while Peoria had problems, they were opportunities for solutions. She said the sentiment of Council centered around the betterment of Peoria's future. She remarked on the significance of the first person of color and the first woman Mayor being elected to the City of Peoria. She thanked her family for their support and work during the campaign. Addressing the Council, she said she looked forward to working with them, getting to know them, and asked for their help in achieving both her goals and their own goals for the City. She also said communication and transparent government was what was needed to achieve those goals. In conclusion, she thanked City Staff and said, "God Bless Peoria".

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

(21-114) Communication from the Township Supervisor Requesting Authorization for the Town Board to ADOPT a New RESOLUTION Reaffirming that Elected Official Positions Meet the ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF) Hourly Standard (1000 hours per year)

Trustee Jensen moved to adopt a new Resolution reaffirming that Elected Official positions meet the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) hourly standard (1000 hours per year); seconded by Trustee Cyr.

Trustee Riggerbach moved for a substitute motion to defer the item to the May 11, 2021, Regular City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel.

Trustee Riggerbach explained the request for deferral was to allow for further discussion on the item prior to voting on it.

Substitute motion to defer the adoption of a new Resolution reaffirming that Elected Official positions meet the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) hourly standard (1000 hours per year) to the May 11, 2021, Regular Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Madam Chair Ali - 8;
Nays: Grayeb, Jensen - 2.

(21-115) Communication from the Township Clerk Requesting Approval of Designating TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR LATRINA LEARY as the TOWNSHIP IMRF AUTHORIZED AGENT.

Trustee Jensen moved to designate Township Supervisor LaTrina Leary as the Township IMRF Authorized Agent; seconded by Trustee Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Madam Chair Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

(21-116) Communication from the Township Officials with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Authorizing NAMED BANK to Act as DEPOSITORIES, ETC., of the Town of the City of Peoria and Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Accept and Release Securities for Safekeeping Held by a Third Party, and Authorizing Named Bank to Honor Checks, Drafts, etc. and Repeal the Resolution Adopted on May 2, 2017.

Trustee Jensen moved to approve a Resolution authorizing named bank to act as depositories, etc., of the Town of the City of Peoria and authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to accept and release securities for safekeeping held by a third party, and authorizing named bank to honor checks, drafts, etc. and repeal the Resolution adopted on May 2, 2017; seconded by Trustee Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Madam Chair Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

(21-117) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Council Member Kelly moved to approve the Declaration of Local State of Emergency; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

- (21-118) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS for the MAYOR, the CITY CLERK, the CITY TREASURER, and the CITY COMPTROLLER from CALLENDER & CO.**

After explaining this item was routine for newly elected officials, Council Member Grayeb moved to approve Public Official Bonds for the Mayor, the City Clerk, the City Treasurer, and the City Comptroller from Callender & Co; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

- (21-119) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT A RESOLUTION Authorizing Named Banks to Honor Checks, Drafts, Etc. of the City of Peoria, Authorizing the City Treasurer, City Manager and the Finance Director/Comptroller to Accept and Release Securities for Safekeeping Held by a Third Party, and REPEALING Resolution No. 11-466.**

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve a Resolution authorizing named banks to honor checks, drafts etc. of the City of Peoria, authorizing the City Treasurer, City Manager and the Finance Director/Comptroller to accept and release securities for safekeeping held by a third party, and repealing Resolution No. 11-466; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-119 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

- (21-120) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Corporation Counsel with a Request to AUTHORIZE the City Council to ADOPT a New Resolution that Elected Official Positions Meet the ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF) Hourly Standard (1000 Hours Per Year).**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this item to the May 11, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Motion to defer adopting a new Resolution that Elected Official Positions meet the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) hourly standard (1000 hours per year) to the May 11, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ali - 8;

Nays: Grayeb, Jensen - 2.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

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

BENEDICTION

Pastors Chris and Heather Toews gave the Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

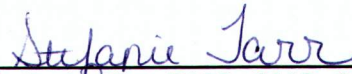
Council Member Cyr moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

The Special City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M.



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

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