

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

A Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council and Town Board of Trustees of Peoria, Illinois, was held May 11, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ali presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were present: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ali – 10. Absent: None.

COVID-19 PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Illinois Phase 4 Re-Opening Plan and the CDC recommendation of social distancing of at least six feet between persons, and Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, as amended and extended, that required the provision of video, audio or telephonic access to meetings; City Hall implemented changes and restrictions for the City Council Meeting on May 11, 2021, while complying with the spirit of the Open Meetings Act.

The meeting was held in-person in City Council Chambers. There was a room capacity restriction of 25 citizens and a wait was required if met. Temperature screenings and face coverings were required for access to City Hall. 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 to 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 was available online through the City's website.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**National Public Works Week
Building Safety Month**

MINUTES

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 27, 2021, and the Special Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on May 4, 2021, as printed; 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.

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

- (21-121) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the APRIL 2021 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the MAY 2021 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Jensen moved to approve the April 2021 Actual Expenditures and to approve the May 2021 Anticipated Expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria, seconded by Trustee Riggerbach.

Trustee Cyr asked about duplicate entries on pages one and two of the report that was provided to Council. Town Clerk Stefanie Tarr said she would confer with Township Staff and provide a Report Back to the Council.

Motion to approve the April 2021 Actual Expenditures and to approve the May 2021 Anticipated Expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

- (21-122) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**
- (21-123) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Renew Existing Liability Coverages with ARGONAUT INSURANCE COMPANY through ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, at a One-Year Cost of \$306,135.00 and to Add Cyber Liability Coverage with CRUM AND FOSTER INSURANCE, at a Cost of \$25,754.00 and Crime Coverage with HANOVER INSURANCE at a Cost of \$2,685.00.**
- (21-124) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the LOW BID of TAZEWELL COUNTY ASPHALT CO. INC., in the Amount of \$120,852.95, and Award a CONTRACT for WAREHOUSE PARKING LOT RESURFACING, with an Additional Authorization of \$6,042.65 (5%) for Contingencies, for a Total Contract Award of \$126,895.60. (Council District 1).**
- (21-125) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Chief Information Officer to APPROVE the SOLE SOURCE Purchase of an Automated Security Awareness Program, from KNOWBE4, in the Amount of \$25,482.60**

- (21-126) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE and Direct the City Manager to Execute an AGREEMENT with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT), in the Amount of \$36,579.00, Plus Contingency, for the City's Participation in Modernizing Traffic Signals at IL 8/IL 116 (MACARTHUR HIGHWAY) & SW JEFFERSON AVENUE, IL 29 (SW JEFFERSON AVENUE) & SPRING STREET, IL 8 (N FARMINGTON ROAD) & W MAIN STREET, SW ADAMS STREET & S GRISWOLD STREET, and IL 8/IL 116 (MACARTHUR HIGHWAY) & SW ADAMS STREET (Council Districts 1 & 2).**
- (21-127) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:**
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- A. **APPROVE a CONTRACT Amendment, AUTHORIZATION 1, to the GLEN AND SHERIDAN ROAD CULVERT PROJECT, in the Amount of \$60,796.81, from the Stormwater Utility Fund Balance, for a Total Contract Amount of \$479,789.01 [Council District 3]**
- B. **ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund to Provide Additional Funding for the GLEN AND SHERIDAN ROAD CULVERT PROJECT, in the Amount of \$60,796.81, and Recognize the Receipt of the Property Owner's Share, in the Amount of \$45,443.35.**
- (21-104) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,846 Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to SIGNS (Menu Boards).**

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

Council Member Riggerbach requested Item No. 21-127 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 21-124 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 21-104 and 21-122 through 21-127 (excluding Item Nos. 21-124 and 21-127, 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,
Mayor Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

- (21-124)**
* **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the LOW BID of TAZEWELL COUNTY ASPHALT CO. INC., in the Amount of \$120,852.95, and Award a CONTRACT for WAREHOUSE PARKING LOT RESURFACING, with an Additional Authorization of \$6,042.65 (5%) for Contingencies, for a Total Contract Award of \$126,895.60. (Council District 1).**

Council Member Jensen noted that the City only received one bid for this project, and it was from a company outside the City of Peoria. She asked City Manager Patrick Ulrich why the City needed to proceed with the bid. City Manager Ulrich explained the deadline for the project was approaching and the size of the project likely limited the interested bidders. He expressed the importance of proceeding with the bid that was received.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the low bid of Tazewell County Asphalt Co. Inc., in the amount of \$120,852.95, and award a contract for Warehouse Parking Lot Resurfacing, with an additional authorization of \$6,042.65 (5%) for contingencies, for a total contract award of \$126,895.60; 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.

- (21-127)**
** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:**

- A. APPROVE a CONTRACT Amendment, AUTHORIZATION 1, to the GLEN AND SHERIDAN ROAD CULVERT PROJECT, in the Amount of \$60,796.81, from the Stormwater Utility Fund Balance, for a Total Contract Amount of \$479,789.01 [Council District 3]**
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund to Provide Additional Funding for the GLEN AND SHERIDAN ROAD CULVERT PROJECT, in the Amount of \$60,796.81, and Recognize the Receipt of the Property Owner's Share, in the Amount of \$45,443.35.**

Council Member Riggerbach said due to a request from the property owner he would ask for a deferral on this item.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer the item to the May 25, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Motion to defer to the May 25, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (21-128) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Authorizing the City's Estimated Minimum Local Agency Funding Match (\$1,083,619.09), Subject to the Approval of Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), for the ROCK ISLAND GREENWAY EXTENSION PROJECT - HARVARD AVENUE TO PARK AVENUE.**

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the City's estimated minimum local agency funding match (\$1,083,619.09), subject to the approval of Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), for the Rock Island Greenway Extension Project – Harvard Avenue to Park Avenue; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Council Member Riggerbach recognized the hard work put into this project and said he was excited to see how it would improve access to the Riverfront. He concluded by saying he would enthusiastically support this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-128 authorizing the City's estimated minimum local agency funding match (\$1,083,619.09), subject to the approval of Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), for the Rock Island Greenway Extension Project – Harvard Avenue to Park Avenue was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (21-129) Communication from Councilman Tim Riggerbach with a Request for City Council to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Calling on the STATE OF ILLINOIS to IMPLEMENT a UTILITY SHUT OFF MORATORIUM.**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve a Resolution calling on the State of Illinois to implement a Utility Shut Off Moratorium; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Riggerbach thanked Lawrence Maushard for bringing the issue of utility shut offs to the attention of the Council. He mentioned other Illinois municipalities had approved similar Resolutions calling on the State of Illinois to implement a Utility Shut Off Moratorium and the benefit it would have on the community. He moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Lawrence Maushard to discuss the Resolution.

Upon hearing no objections, Mayor Ali granted Privilege of the Floor to Lawrence Maushard.

Mr. Maushard thanked the Council for considering the Resolution to call on the State of Illinois to reinstate the Utility Shut Off Moratorium. He said it would benefit the most vulnerable citizens who were depending on aid until funding could be secured. He said it was a stop-gap measure, not a long-term solution, but a necessary one to keep citizens safely in their homes in order to prevent increased exposure to COVID-19. He concluded by expressing the importance of the City of Peoria approving the Resolution and the message it would send to Springfield.

Mayor Ali thanked Mr. Maushard for the work he put into this Resolution and for bringing it to the attention of the Council.

Council Member Riggerbach asked Assistant Director of Community Development Joe Dulin to detail the work Staff had done regarding utility and eviction moratoriums. Assistant Director Dulin explained the partnerships with charities, community agencies, and nonprofit organizations, including programs and resources that were currently available or would be available for citizens. He said the best way to inquire about resources was to call 2-1-1. He described some of the programs available as well as qualifications and application requirements. He stressed the importance for citizens to apply for the available programs, and he thanked community partners for their help communicating to and assisting the public.

Council Member Kelly expressed concern with the item stating it encouraged those in need to accumulate more debt instead of paying their utility bills. He said while public assistance programs were a benefit to the community, the Utility Shut Off Moratorium was a temporary solution and was not in the best interest of the citizens. He said he would be voting against this item.

Council Member Allen asked if there was a timeframe proposed for the Utility Shut Off Moratorium, or if it would be left to the Governor's discretion. Mr. Maushard said the timeframe was addressed in Section 4 of the proposed Resolution. He also responded to Council Member Kelly's concerns regarding added debt for citizens by outlining proposed legislation that would provide funding to address utility debt. He remarked on the importance of helping individuals to maintain their basic needs.

Further discussions were held regarding the potential funding, grants and resources available to citizens.

Council Member Ruckriegel said decisions such as Utility Shut Off Moratoriums were made without a plan to transition back to normalcy once the pandemic subsided. He said the proposed Resolution communicated that the Council stood for what was important for those in need. He stressed the importance of communicating the available resources and programs to the public and encouraged citizens to call 2-1-1 for assistance.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-129 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ali - 9;

Nays: Kelly - 1.

(21-110) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the Establishment of the CITY OF PEORIA LAND BANK.

A handout was distributed to all Council Members revising section 5-554 of the Ordinance.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to the establishment of the City of Peoria Land Bank; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Council Member Jackson commented on the public meeting held on Thursday, May 6, 2021, and she expressed enthusiasm for the progression of the Land Bank Ordinance. She said it was important to monitor the projects closely and to consider citizen input in decisions made by the Land Bank Committee.

Mayor Ali said the revisions made to the Ordinance stemmed from concerns voiced at the public meeting the week prior.

Council Member Jensen said she had been an advocate for a Land Bank program for many years and explained how this Ordinance was the first step in order to get funded by the Attorney General's Office. She said additional public input would be requested later in the process regarding plans and areas of focus.

Assistant Community Development Director Joe Dulin summarized the public meeting that was held on Thursday, May 6, 2021. He explained the revisions made to the proposed Ordinance and addressed some of the concerns that were discussed at the public meeting. He described the implementation process and potential changes that would require a revised Ordinance to be brought back before the Council. Council Member Jensen thanked Assistant Director Dulin and City Staff for their work.

Mayor Ali asked Assistant Director Dulin to explain the purpose of a Land Bank. He explained they were a tool that cities used to address vacant and abandoned properties, and their functionality varied to fit the needs of the municipality. He talked about the potential benefits of the Land Bank and changes to City Staff if it were implemented. He said it was a long-term strategy that would require additional funding in the future, using grants and investments to improve Peoria neighborhoods.

Discussions were held regarding former City Staff positions that were tasked with resolving vacant and abandoned property issues in Peoria that were eliminated. Council Member Kelly said he did not believe the Land Bank was necessary, stating it created additional steps to accomplish goals already being addressed by the Community Development Department. He said he would be voting against this item.

Further discussions were held regarding concerns raised at the public meeting, timelines surrounding vacant and abandoned properties, and the potential benefits of establishing a Land Bank in the City of Peoria.

Council Member Allen thanked Assistant Director Dulin and City Staff for their hard work and said he believed addressing the blight of vacant and abandoned properties was a great way to serve the community. He said the Land Bank was worth a try and if it did not work, the City could return to processing those properties the way it had previously. He said it was an opportunity and would be supporting the item.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,847 amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to the establishment of the City of Peoria Land Bank was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ali - 9;

Nays: Kelly - 1.

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

(21-039) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following (All Council Districts):

- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Establishing the PEORIA COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW REMEDIATION DISTRICT; and**
- B. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Setting Fees Effective on May 1, 2023 with Planned, Annual Increases through May 1, 2026, for the PEORIA COMBINED SEWER REMEDIATION DISTRICT and Amending Resolution 20-088-B and 19-379-B Setting Fees for the Peoria Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation District Setting Fees Effective on May 1 2023 with Planned, Annual Increases through May 1, 2026 for CITY SEWER REHABILITATION RATE.**

Council Member Cyr expressed a concern for this item, stating he had many unanswered questions regarding funds previously collected and the allocation of those funds. He said he would request a deferral to allow time for further discussions.

Council Member Cyr moved to defer this item to the May 25, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Council Member Jensen asked City Manager Patrick Urich to give an overview of the project and the funding model that had been discussed over the last four years. City Manager Urich described the funding model, fee structure, and the differences between the Stormwater Utility Fee and the City Sewer Rehabilitation Rate. He said the City made a commitment to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), noting the City was under a timeline to acquire the loans required, which would be brought to the Council for approval.

Council Member Grayeb said it was a quality of life issue and he talked about the progression of the project negotiations over the last few years. He said he would consider a deferral if the item was not time sensitive.

Discussions were held regarding the time sensitivity of the matter and it was noted a delay could impact the City's interest rate. Public Works Director Rick Powers explained a deadline was approaching and another deferral could be detrimental. Council Member Grayeb said this item was time sensitive, and he said he would not vote in favor of the deferral.

Motion to defer to the May 25, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting FAILED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Oyler, Ruckriegel - 3;

Nays: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Riggerbach, Mayor Ali - 7.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance establishing the Peoria Combined Sewer Overflow Remediation District; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,848 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve a Resolution setting fees effective on May 1, 2023, with planned, annual increases through May 1, 2026, for the Peoria Combined Sewer Remediation District and amending Resolution 20-088-B and 19-379-B setting fees for the Peoria Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation District setting fees effective on May 1, 2023, with planned, annual increases through May 1, 2026, for City Sewer Rehabilitation Rate; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Cyr said he voted to adopt the Ordinance because he believed City Staff provided a good plan for the project but said he would be voting against the Resolution setting fees because there was not an explanation as to how the project would be funded.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-039-B setting fees effective on May 1, 2023, with planned, annual increases through May 1, 2026, for the Peoria Combined Sewer Remediation District and amending Resolution 20-088-B and 19-379-B setting fees for the Peoria Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation District setting fees effective on May 1, 2023, with planned, annual increases through May 1, 2026, for City Sewer Rehabilitation Rate was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ali - 9;

Nays: Cyr - 1.

(21-106) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the General Fund, in the Amount of \$75,000.00, for the Expansion and Improvement of PEORIA CARES CALL MANAGEMENT.

Council Member Grayeb said there had been extensive discussions regarding this item, and he asked City Manager Patrick Urich about the plan to inform citizens of the changes relating to Peoria Cares. City Manager Urich said the Peoria Cares phone number, 494-CARE (2273), would not change. He said the calls would go directly to the 2-1-1 Call Center operated by Advanced Medical Transport (AMT). He said the monthly reports provided to City Council in the past would continue.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2021 Revised Annual Budget relating to the General Fund, in the amount of \$75,000.00, for the expansion and improvement of Peoria Cares Call Management; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Discussions were held regarding the level of service and cost differences with facilitating the Peoria Cares Call Management through City Staff versus the AMT 2-1-1 Call Center. Mayor Ali said the current process no longer worked, remarking on the need for efficiency and responsiveness.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,849 amending the City of Peoria 2021 Revised Annual Budget relating to the General Fund, in the amount of \$75,000.00, for the expansion and improvement of Peoria Cares Call Management 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 RESOLUTION that Elected Official Positions Meet the ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF) Hourly Standard (1000 Hours Per Year).**

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson explained IMRF no longer required the biannual certification and said the item should be received and filed. She said no action was necessary on behalf of the Council.

Council Member Jensen moved to receive and file a Resolution that Elected Official positions meet the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) hourly standard (1000 hours per year); seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to receive and file was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

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

- (21-114) Communication from the Township Supervisor Requesting Authorization for the Town Board to ADOPT a RESOLUTION Reaffirming that Elected Official Positions Meet the ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF) Hourly Standard (1000 Hours Per Year).**

Town Clerk Stefanie Tarr explained the item would only require a receive and file vote.

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson said that Town Counsel John Redlingshafer concurred the only action required by the Board of Trustees for this item was a vote to receive and file.

Trustee Ruckriegel moved to receive and file a Resolution reaffirming that Elected Official positions meet the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) hourly standard (1000 hours per year); seconded by Trustee Grayeb.

Motion to receive and file was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Plan of Operations for Tobacco Licensees

Council Member Grayeb said the Council had asked City Staff to research possible solutions to businesses with a trend of complaints and dangerous activities and asked Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson for an update on the status of that research. Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said Staff was looking into a Plan of Operation Ordinance for businesses with

a Tobacco License, similar to the Ordinance currently in place for businesses with a Liquor License. She said a general licensing structure was also being researched, which would potentially apply to gas stations. She said more information would be presented to the Council at the May 25, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.

IMRF Options for Elected Officials

Council Member Kelly advised the newly elected officials participating in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) was an option and not a requirement.

Stimulus Funding Status

Council Member Jensen asked City Manager Urich for an update on the Federal Stimulus Funds allocated to the City of Peoria. City Manager Urich said the Federal Government released guidelines on May 10, 2021, and he summarized some of the details for the Council. He recommended scheduling a Policy Session to discuss the stimulus in detail.

Police Update on Crime Increases

Council Member Cyr asked Interim Police Chief Douglas Theobald to update the Council regarding the increase of criminal activity and shootings in the City of Peoria. Interim Chief Theobald described the trend of increasing criminal activity in the City and the dangerous situations the Peoria Police Officers dealt with on a regular basis. He encouraged citizens to lock their vehicles and doors to help discourage crime. He said he regularly confers with Police Chiefs in cities of equitable size to Peoria, stating they reported similar trends. He pleaded for citizens to report crimes to help keep the neighborhoods safe.

Mayor Ali said the relationship between the Police Department and the community was essential. She referenced a recent shooting and the discussions held regarding the dangerous activity at the location prior to the incident. She said preventative measures and cooperation with the Council, City Staff and the community was needed to quell the violence and increase in crime.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(3), the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

Council Member Jensen moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 2(c)(3), the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ali – 10;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

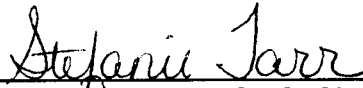
Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ali – 10;

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.



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