

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held on August 24, 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, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 9. Absent: Grayeb, Jensen - 2.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**40th Peoria Irish Fest, and 25th Peoria Irish Fest, Co-Chaired by John L. Martin
51st Peoria-Area World Affairs Council, Welcome Ambassadors Ford & Neumann
Hunger Action Month - September**

MINUTES

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on August 10, 2021, as printed; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 9;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (21-247) **Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**
- (21-248) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the Low BID of ILLINOIS CIVIL CONTRACTORS, INC., in the Amount of \$103,743.59, and APPROVE a CONTRACT for the EUGENIE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION, with an Additional Authorization of \$10,374.36 (10%) for Contingencies, for a Total Award of \$114,117.95. (Council District 4)**
- (21-249) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a
* Request to APPROVE a STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) RESOLUTION, in the Amount of \$597,130.00, for the ADAMS AND JEFFERSON SIGNAL UPGRADE / ONE-WAY TO TWO-WAY CONVERSION PROJECT (ADAMS STREET from WILLIAM KUMPF BOULEVARD to HAMILTON BOULEVARD, and JEFFERSON AVENUE from WILLIAM KUMPF BOULEVARD to FAYETTE STREET). (Council District 1)**

- (21-250) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) RESOLUTION, in the Amount of \$389,008.00, for the GLEN AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE to UNIVERSITY STREET). (Council District 4)
- (21-251) 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 an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R4 (Single Family Residential) District for a SHORT TERM RENTAL for the Property Located at 2319 N. PROSPECT ROAD. (Parcel Identification No. 14-34-329-014), Peoria, IL (Council District 3).
- (21-252) 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 an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R4 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a New WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AND FACILITY, for the Property Known as 2116 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, Located at 2114, 2126, & 2200 N. SHERIDAN ROAD (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-33-351-001, 14-33-351-002, 14-33-351-028, & 14-33-303-036), Peoria, IL (Council District 2).
- (21-253) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the POLICE PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:

**

Andre Leverett (Voting) - Term Expires 5/10/2022

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

Council Member Ruckriegel requested Item Nos. 21-249 and 21-253 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 21-247 through 21-253 (excluding Item Nos. 21-249 and 21-253, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 9;
Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (21-249)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) RESOLUTION, in the Amount of \$597,130.00, for the ADAMS AND JEFFERSON SIGNAL UPGRADE / ONE-WAY TO TWO-WAY CONVERSION PROJECT (ADAMS STREET from WILLIAM KUMPF BOULEVARD to HAMILTON BOULEVARD, and JEFFERSON AVENUE from WILLIAM KUMPF BOULEVARD to FAYETTE STREET). (Council District 1)**
*

Council Member Ruckriegel said he would abstain from voting due to him owning property in the affected area.

Council Member Kelly moved to approve a State Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolution, in the amount of \$597,130.00, for the Adams and Jefferson Signal Upgrade / One-Way to Two-Way Conversion Project (Adams Street from William Kumpf Boulevard to Hamilton Boulevard, and Jefferson Street from William Kumpf Boulevard to Fayette Street), seconded by Council Member Jackson.

MFT RESOLUTION NO. 21-249 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstain: Ruckriegel – 1.

- (21-253)** **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the POLICE PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:**
**

Andre Leverett (Voting) - Term Expires 5/10/2022

A revised Council Communication amending the term expiration date for the appointment of Andre Leverett to the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees from 5/10/2022 to 5/9/2023 was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Oyler moved to concur with the appointment to the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees, as amended, seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Appointment of Andre Leverett to the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees, as amended to revise the term expiration to May 9, 2023, was concurred by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 9;

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Including but not limited to motions to reconsider items, if any, from the previous Regular Meeting)**Tire Business Licensing (21-228)**

Council Member Kelly distributed a handout regarding Ordinance No. 17,873 to all Council Members.

Council Member Kelly suggested amending the language in Ordinance No. 17,873 to clarify that any Tire Business conducting business in the City of Peoria would require a License, whether or not the business was located in the City limits. City Manager Patrick Urich said the intent of the Ordinance was to include all establishments conducting business in the City of Peoria related to

tires, and said Staff would bring an Ordinance amendment to a subsequent meeting for Council approval in order to clarify the language. It was determined a motion was not required to request the Ordinance amendment.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Census Update

Council Member Ruckriegel referenced a handout distributed to all Council Members from City Manager Urich showing the 2020 census data released on August 12, 2021. He stated he was pleased with the results, and would bring a full report at the September 14, 2021, City Council Meeting to recognize the many organizations who worked to achieve the results. He also acknowledged the effort made by Peoria citizens who completed the census.

Mayor Ali thanked Council Member Ruckriegel for his leadership on the census.

Preservation Projects in District 4

Council Member Allen highlighted pavement preservation projects underway in the Fourth District, and he thanked the Public Works Department for their work in the Golden Acres Subdivision and the Glen Avenue Road Improvement Project.

Proclamation to the Food Banks

Council Member Kelly expressed his appreciation for the Proclamation presented to the two local food banks, and he encouraged Council Members to visit and volunteer at the Midwest Food Bank.

District 1 Tour

Council Member Kelly said he participated in a tour of the First District over the weekend, organized by Council Member Jackson. He said it was an enlightening experience, and he encouraged other Council Members to attend the tour as well.

Mayor Ali commended Council Member Jackson for organizing the First District tours. She said she watched a video of the tour, and said it was very educational while also bringing the community together. Council Member Jackson said the tour presented both challenges and assets of the First District, stating it offered a different perspective to those who were unfamiliar with that District. She said participants expressed an interest in similar tours for other Council Districts in the City.

Policy Session

City Manager Urich said a Policy Session was scheduled for September 7, 2021, at 6:00 P.M., in Council Chambers. He said the citizen survey regarding Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan closed on August 23, 2021, stating there were 886 responses and over 800 comments from the community. He said Staff would compile the responses and consider the suggested funding uses. He said the results would be presented at the Policy Session Meeting on September 7, 2021, before leading into 2022 budget discussions.

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.

Keishanda Riley, a Peoria citizen, addressed the Council regarding the demolition of Harrison School and the grocery store desert on the Southside. She inquired if the Harrison building

could be repurposed to benefit the community, and she asked what action could be taken to address the food desert in Peoria neighborhoods.

Mayor Ali thanked Keishanda Riley for her questions and comments. She said the Harrison School was deemed a hazard to the community and the City was encouraged to demolish the building. She said efforts to revitalize the building had failed and the request for demolition had been approved. She said she hoped the space could be reimagined to become something beneficial to the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

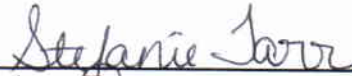
Council Member Riggerbach moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 9;

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.



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

md