



**: 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 February 14, 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 (6:06 P.M.), Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 11.  
Absent: None.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING NOTICE TO TOWNSHIP ELECTORS**

Mayor Ali announced, pursuant to Public Act 095-0761, any citizen that desired to have an item considered on the agenda at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:00 P.M., were required to bring a specific request signed by fifteen (15) or more electors to the Clerk no later than Wednesday, March 1, 2023. She said any group of registered voters may request an advisory question of public policy for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting by giving written notice of the specific advisory question to the Township Clerk in the same manner as required for an agenda item under subsection (b) of Section 30-10 of the Township Code.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

Black History Month  
Society of Women Engineers – National Engineers Week  
Peoria High School Football Team

**MINUTES**

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on January 24, 2023, as printed; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (23-032) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the JANUARY 2023 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the FEBRUARY 2023 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the January 2023 actual expenditures and to approve the February 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, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Chairwoman Ali – 11;

Nays: None.

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

- (23-033) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Council with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**
- (23-034) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the LOW BID of OTTO BAUM, in the Amount of \$167,600.00, for the PROSPECT-ARCADIA TRAFFIC CALMING, with an Additional Authorization of \$ 16,760.00 (10%) for Contingencies, for a Total Contract Award of \$ 184,360.00. (Council District 3)**
- (23-035) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a PURCHASE with REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$43,320.00, for 702 New 95-GALLON GARBAGE CARTS for Replacement and Inventory. (All Council Districts)**
- (23-036) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 23-036 in Support of TAX INCREMENT FINANCING, Requesting the Illinois Legislature to Support Tax Increment Financing in its Present Form to Promote Economic Development and Revitalization throughout Illinois.**
- (23-037) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 23-037 Approving an ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for the Property Located at 9601 N. ALLEN ROAD (Parcel Identification No. 09-31-300-007), Peoria IL. (Council District 5) (Requires 2/3 Vote of Corporate Authorities - 8 Votes)**
- (23-038) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 18,044 Partially Abating the Tax Hereto Levied to Pay SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (SSA) Property Taxes on the PEORIA SPORTS CENTER SPECIAL SERVICE AREA, in the Amount of \$191,000.00.**

- (23-039) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 18,045 Partially Abating the Tax Hereto Levied to Pay SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (SSA) Property Taxes on the HOLIDAY INN PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA, in the Amount of \$73,000.00.**
- (23-040) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 18,046 Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied to Pay Principal of and Interest on GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, 2007 Series A and 2022 Series A.**
- (23-041) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the Labor Day Picnic at Riverfront Festival Park on September 4, 2023, Sponsored by PEORIA AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS, INC. (P.A.C.E.), Subject to Their Filing the Necessary Permits and Approval as Required by the City Code.**
- (23-042) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION to Move a Class E-1 (Private Club - Over 200) Liquor License, Subclass 3 (Beer Garden), with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol, for CREVE COEUR CLUB OF PEORIA, D/B/A CREVE COEUR CLUB, from 456 Fulton Street, Suite 186, to 212 SW WATER STREET, SUITE 3, Contingent Upon the Issuance of all Appropriate Permits and a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 2)**  
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- (23-043) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B-1 (Restaurant, 25% Food) Liquor License with the Onsite Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol, with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. Closing Hours) for PIONEER UNIVERSITY ROADHOUSE, INC., D/B/A RICHARDS ON UNIVERSITY, at 7805 N. UNIVERSITY STREET, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**  
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- (23-044) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the SPRINGDALE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY ANNUAL BUDGET from 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.**  
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- (23-045) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month-Ended December 31, 2022, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**

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

Council Member Kelly requested Item Nos. 23-042 and 23-043 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Riggerbach requested Item No. 23-044 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 Cyr.

Item Nos. 23-033 through 23-045 (excluding Item Nos. 23-042, 23-043, and 23-044, 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.

**(23-042)**  
\* **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION to Move a Class E-1 (Private Club - Over 200) Liquor License, Subclass 3 (Beer Garden), with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol, for CREVE COEUR CLUB OF PEORIA, D/B/A CREVE COEUR CLUB, from 456 Fulton Street, Suite 186, to 212 SW WATER STREET, SUITE 3, Contingent Upon the Issuance of all Appropriate Permits and a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 2)**

Copies of the Liquor Commission minutes relating to the Creve Coeur Club of Peoria from the meeting held on February 6, 2023, was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Kelly asked if membership to the Creve Coeur Club was an appropriate reason for a Council Member to abstain from voting on this item. Corporation Council Patrick Hayes said members of the club should abstain from discussing and voting on this matter.

After he thanked City Manager Urich and Staff for progress in revitalizing and reusing existing buildings downtown, Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the Site Application to move a Class E-1 (Private Club-Over 200) Liquor License, Subclass 3 (Beer Garden), with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol, for Creve Coeur Club of Peoria, d/b/a Creve Coeur Club, from 456 Fulton Street, Suite 186, to 212 SW Water Street, Suite 3, contingent upon the issuance of all appropriate permits and a Certificate of Occupancy; seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 8;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Cyr, Kelly, Oyler – 3.

**(23-043)**  
\*\* **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B-1 (Restaurant, 25% Food) Liquor License with the Onsite Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol, with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. Closing Hours) for PIONEER UNIVERSITY ROADHOUSE, INC., D/B/A RICHARDS ON UNIVERSITY, at 7805 N. UNIVERSITY STREET, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**

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Copies of the Liquor Commission minutes relating to Pioneer University Roadhouse, from the meeting held on February 6, 2023, was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the Site Application for a Class B-1 (Restaurant, 25% Food) Liquor License with the onsite consumption and retail sale of alcohol, with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. Closing Hours) for Pioneer University Roadhouse, Inc., d/b/a Richards on University, at 7805 N. University Street; 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.

**(23-044) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the SPRINGDALE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY ANNUAL BUDGET from 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.**  
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Council Member Riggerbach asked about contributions the City of Peoria made to Springdale Cemetery annually. City Manager Urich said, pursuant to the existing management agreement, the City provided \$60,000.00 in capital funding each year. In addition, he said if there were operating losses, the City covered the remaining amount after Peoria County and the Peoria Park District paid their share. In the end, he said the City contributed approximately \$250,000.00 per year to Springdale Cemetery.

After he thanked City Manager Urich for the clarification, Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the Springdale Cemetery Management Authority Annual Budget from 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**FIRST READINGS:**

**(23-046) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to RECEIVE AND FILE a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 3, SUBSECTION 52 of the CODE of the City of Peoria to Create the CLASS NP LIQUOR LICENSE.**

Corporation Counsel Hayes provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance. He said several small nonprofit organizations approached the City asking for a class of liquor license that would not be as financially deterring. He explained the differences with a Class F or Class H temporary liquor license compared to the proposed Class NP.

Council Member Allen thanked Corporation Counsel Hayes, Attorney Mike Toren, Deputy Corporation Counsel Chrissie Kapustka, Chief Deputy City Clerk Trina Bonds, and former Liquor Investigator Officer Kevin Slavens for supporting nonprofit organizations' fundraising efforts. He said the proposed Ordinance supported the smaller nonprofit organizations with

limited budgets while generating minimal revenue and staying within the boundaries of the Liquor Code.

In response to Council Member Kelly regarding limitations to the size of the organization that could apply for the Class NP Liquor License, Corporation Counsel Hayes said any size nonprofit organization that met the qualifications was eligible to apply for the Class NP Liquor License.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file a First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Subsection 52 of the Code of the City of Peoria to create the Class NP Liquor License; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 23-041 will be on the February 28, 2023, City Council agenda.*

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

**(23-047) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM Supporting Biotech Startups.**

Council Member Velpula expressed his appreciation to City Manager Patrick Urich, Assistant City Manager Kimberly Richardson for their assistance in developing a plan to attract and support biotech startups. He said the goal of the Program was to attract businesses and a workforce centered around biotechnology, including medical, education, and other related fields. He said providing funding opportunities and incentives would help Peoria grow as a destination location for healthcare.

Assistant City Manager Richardson said the Economic Development Staff was researching ways to utilize ARPA funds to support small businesses and startups beyond existing programs to provide a more targeted focus. She said \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00 was available for each applicant of a startup or existing business locating to Peoria. She said the goal was to look at areas in the City needing investment, review Downtown, and then how to expand that type of business in the Downtown area. She explained allowed uses for the funds, including lease or mortgage assistance, operational expenses, and business costs related to the newly opened location. She said Staff continued to look to expand options for other targeted grant programs to support businesses throughout the City.

Council Member Allen said this program was a good example of how ARPA funds should be used. After he asked about marketing strategies, Assistant City Manager Richardson said a narrow timeline was chosen to better gauge how to move this program forward. She said Council would be kept apprised of the progress of the program.

After Council Member Kelly said it was an innovative program, he asked what allocation of ARPA funds would supply funding for the program and what was the total budgeted amount. Assistant City Manager Richardson said the funds were from the ARPA Small Business Program. She said \$250,000.00 would be set aside in 2023 to support biotech startups.

Council Member Velpula moved to receive and file the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Business Grant Program supporting biotech startups; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-048) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with FULTON HOTEL DEVELOPMENT, LLC.**

A copy of an Ordinance approving the Redevelopment Agreement with Fulton Hotel Development, LLC. was distributed to all Council Members.

City Manager Patrick Urich provided an overview of the proposed development. He said Fulton Hotel Development, LLC., formed by Keith Weinstein, President of Greystone Realty Group, planned to redevelop the old Sully's Building (119-121 SW Adams St) and the ICC Perley Building (113-115 SW Adams St) into a new hotel with residences. He explained how the project would qualify for reimbursement from the Downtown Conservation Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District funds. He explained the differences between this project and the Pere Marquette Hotel. He said if the development did not proceed, no TIF funds or funds from the Hospitality Improvement Zone tax revenues would be distributed to the developer. He reviewed the timeline for the project, noting if the deadlines were not met, Council had the option to cancel the Agreement.

Attorney Thomas Leiter, counsel for the developer, said the developer had been working on this project for many years, noting the money spent to date. He said the hotel would be under the Hilton Garden Inn brand. He emphasized the difference between the proposed development and the Pere Marquette. He reviewed the terms of the Agreement, including TIF fund reimbursement and monthly parking fees paid to the City for use of the Niagara Parking Deck. He concluded by saying it was a well-planned project with established feasibility, experienced management partners, no risk to the City of Peoria, and benefits that extended to the Fulton Street Reconstruction Project.

In response to Council Member Cyr regarding a TIF expiration extension, City Manager Urich said the Downtown Conservation TIF could only be extended past 2036 with approval from the Peoria City Council and all affected taxing bodies and to present a bill to the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor for final approval of a 12-year extension.

Council Member Ruckriegel said the City did not have anything under the Hilton brand downtown, noting this was an alternative to what was currently available. He said it was beneficial for the developer to complete the project quickly to regain as much as possible from the TIF fund reimbursement.

Discussions were held regarding studies and monitoring conducted by local organizations for hotel and residential unit needs in downtown Peoria, as well as the comparison of a new construction project to rehabilitation efforts in the Warehouse District. Discussions continued regarding the effect of the Sully's Pub building historic designation on the qualification for TIF reimbursement, including the analysis to determine if rehabilitation was possible, whether approval of that determination was required, and the risk of an ineligibility declaration held by

the developer. Corporation Counsel Hayes said the State of Illinois Historic Preservation Office was informed of the project and would undertake a review to determine the eligibility of TIF reimbursement. Demolition and construction activities, including the impact on neighboring businesses and traffic, we discussed. Milestone deadlines we noted, including extension options and consequences for incompleteness, as well as the financial risks held by the developer instead of the City of Peoria.

Council Member Ruckriegel said although the timeline was tight, the developer conducted research and planning so they would be ready to move forward. He said it would persist efforts of resurgence in downtown Peoria post-pandemic, noting this hotel project complimented the increase in events at the Civic Center and downtown as well as the growing restaurant community in the area.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adopt an Ordinance to approve a Redevelopment Agreement with Fulton Hotel Development, LLC.; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant privilege of the floor to Anthony Carter regarding the proposed Redevelopment Agreement.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ali granted privilege of the floor to Mr. Carter.

Anthony Carter, a resident of Twin Towers Place, said he lived in downtown Peoria since 2008 and he represented friends and neighbors of the complex. He said the citizens of Twin Towers were not afforded an opportunity to provide input, and he raised concerns such as the height of the structure, increased demand on existing infrastructure, and safety in downtown Peoria.

Council Member Grayeb commented on the elevation of the project compared to Twin Towers, and he remarked on the importance of reinvesting in downtown Peoria to promote progress, and he asked the Council for their approval.

Council Member Oyler expressed concern regarding the timeline for the project. He said this was a very different project compared to the Pere Marquette because there was no financial risk to the City. He said based on discussions with the developer, benefits of the project included increased occupancy of the Niagara Parking Deck to help cover infrastructure costs, commitment to improving local infrastructure reducing costs for the City, and a lack of direct investment by the City for the Redevelopment project. He said he was in favor of the project and as the Vice-Chair of the Downtown Development Corporation (DDC) he said a goal was the revitalization of the Downtown Business District, noting this project would be a big contribution to that objective. He discussed the addition of residential living in the Business District and how it would be a good test for mixed-use zoning buildings. He explained the TIF reimbursement rate and said he would not be in favor of extensions or stop-gap funding for this project. At the conclusion of his comments, he said he would vote to approve this item because it was time to promote progress in downtown Peoria.

ORDINANCE NO. 18,047 approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Fulton Hotel Development, LLC. was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.



**(23-049) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Providing for the Surrender of the S-NET TRADEMARK.**

Corporation Counsel Hayes said the City of Peoria received the S-NET trademark assignment on March 10, 2022. He explained issues that came back from the Trademark Office and the cause for those issues. He said all parties were contacted and agreed the best way to conclude the issue was for all parties involved to surrender all interest to the trademark. He said retention of appropriate outside counsel was necessary to complete the process and conclude the matter. He said Mayor Ali would abstain from voting on the item due to a conflict of interest, but he said she could participate in discussions.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Allen moved to approve a Resolution providing for the surrender of the S-NET trademark, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Discussions were held concerning the benefits of facilitating the surrender of the S-NET trademark, the decision to have all parties surrender interest instead of transferring interest to the City before surrendering, and the history of the S-NET trademark interest. The current interest holders of the trademark after recordation issues at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as well as the extra time and costs associated with alternative options were also discussed.

In response to Council Member Cyr regarding City-owned trademarks, City Manager Urich said the only other trademark held by the City was the City of Peoria logo.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-049 providing for the surrender of the S-NET trademark was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Kelly - 1;

Abstention: Mayor Ali - 1.

**(23-050) Communication from the Mayor and City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE to Amend the REVISED 2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET, in the Amount of \$50,000.00, for Matching City Funds for the BLOOMBERG PUBLIC ART CHALLENGE. (Requires 2/3 Vote of Corporate Authorities)**

An updated list of Peoria Community Engagement Partners for the Bloomberg Public Art Challenge was distributed to all Council Members.

Mayor Ali said Patricia Harris, C.E.O. of Bloomberg Philanthropies, contacted the City of Peoria about the Bloomberg Public Art Challenge Grant, inspired by the charitable giving of former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, to boost economic development and address civic issues in cities across the country. She said it was a short timeline for the challenge, and a coalition of artists and organizations was formed to oversee the process that decided on the theme 'City of Gratitude: Supporting Mental Health Through Public Art', inspired by the message delivered by recent MLK Luncheon speaker former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder Jr. She said the challenge was a two-year initiative. She explained the Grant application noting there would need to be an in-kind match. She said there was a lot of excitement for the project, noting the application was due on February 15, 2023, with an additional application for finalists in the Fall of 2023.

In response to Council Member Jensen about the funding source, City Manager Ulrich said funding was allocated in the General Fund for contingencies, and he noted the Budget Amendment Ordinance would require a two-thirds majority vote from the Council for approval. He said \$90,000.00 was currently in the contingency fund with \$54 million in the General Fund, so additional funding for contingencies was available, if needed.

Council Member Allen said he was excited to support the initiative as Peoria citizens continued to make an imprint on culture, fashion, and art in the community.

Council Member Grayeb said former Mayor David Ransburg would be proud of the initiative, citing his efforts to build a vibrant city during his term. Council Member Grayeb said it was an excellent use of funds and he fully supported approval of the item.

In response to Council Member Jackson regarding collaborative partners and art design plans, Mayor Ali said collaborators would be involved in the activities while the list of artistic team members and collaborators continued to grow.

Council Member Ruckriegel said he was excited for an initiative that would unify the community and address important issues.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adopt an Ordinance to amend the Revised 2023 Biennial Budget, in the amount of \$50,000.00, for matching City funds for the Bloomberg Public Art Challenge; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

ORDINANCE NO. 18,048 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(23-051) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 15,194 for a Residential Cluster Development in a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District to Build a Duplex with Waivers for the Properties Located at 5723 and 5727 W. WOODBRIAR LANE (Parcel Identification Nos. 13-15-276-007 and 13-15-276-006), Peoria, IL. (Council District 4)**

Council Member Allen said the developer requested more time, and he moved to defer the item to the February 28, 2023, City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Motion to defer the item to the February 28, 2023, City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (23-052) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 15,194 for a Residential Cluster Development in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District to Build a Duplex with Waivers for the Properties Located at 5731 and 5735 W. WOODBRIAR LANE (Parcel Identification Nos. 13-15-276-005 and 13-15-276-004), Peoria, IL. (Council District 4)**

Council Member Allen said the developer requested more time, and he moved to defer the item to the February 28, 2023, City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Motion to defer the item to the February 28, 2023, City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (23-053) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:**
- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE to Approve the REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT for the Proposed MEDINA PLAINS-ALLEN ROAD BUSINESS PARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT; and,**
  - B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE to Designate the REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA for the Proposed MEDINA PLAINS-ALLEN ROAD BUSINESS PARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT; and,**
  - C. ADOPT an ORDINANCE to Approve TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING for the Proposed MEDINA PLAINS-ALLEN ROAD BUSINESS PARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT.**

Council Member Cyr said this was a great project for the Fifth District, and he thanked City Manager Urich and Corporation Counsel Hayes for their efforts with Dunlap School District. He said he was looking forward to future developments.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance to approve the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the proposed Medina Plains-Allen Road Business Park Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 18,049 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance to designate the Redevelopment Project Area for the proposed Medina Plains-Allen Road Business Park Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 18,050 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance to approve Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the proposed Medina Plains-Allen Road Business Park Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Ruckriegel thanked Council Member Cyr for his efforts on this endeavor.

ORDINANCE NO. 18,051 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

**(23-017) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Information Systems with a Request to RECEIVE AND FILE an AGREEMENT with CROWDSTRIKE to Provide Cyber Security Technology, in the Amount of \$59,106.02.**

City Manager Patrick Urich said because the State of Illinois agreed to fund Cyber Security Technology services, the contract with CrowdStrike was no longer required.

Council Member Kelly moved to receive and file an Agreement with CrowdStrike to provide Cyber Security Technology, in the amount of \$59,106.02; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(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.**

In response to Mayor Ali regarding a deferral, City Manager Urich said a deferral of the item should not cause any issues.

Corporation Counsel Patrick Hayes asked Council Members to contact Deputy Corporation Counsel Chrissie Kapustka with input or suggestions for the Code amendments to allow for adjustments to be made prior to bringing the item back to the Council for consideration.

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Council Member Oyler moved to defer the item to the March 14, 2023, City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Motion to defer the item to the March 14, 2023, City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Traffic Calming**

Council Member Riggerbach thanked Public Works Staff, including City Engineer Andrea Klopfenstein, for efforts on the Prospect-Arcadia Traffic Calming (Item No. 23-034). He said it was a creative solution addressing speeding and controlling traffic flow in a critical area.

**Peoria Rivermen**

Council Member Jackson said citizens were concerned about the future of the Peoria Rivermen Hockey Team, and she asked for a status update. City Manager Urich said options were being explored for City financing for improvements to the Civic Center, including the ice arena. He said an item would be placed on the February 28, 2023, City Council agenda to provide additional information to the Council.

In response to Council Member Jensen, City Manager Urich said Staff was working to present a recommendation to the Council for approval. Council Member Cyr said he, the City Manager Urich, Mayor Ali, Council Member Ruckriegel were working with Staff on an item to bring back for Council consideration on February 28, 2023.

**Glen Avenue Reconstruction Project**

Council Member Grayeb said the Glen Avenue Reconstruction Project would soon commence with a final Public Hearing scheduled for 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, to be held at Concordia Lutheran School, at 2000 W. Glen Avenue, Peoria, Illinois. He said information would be provided to interested citizens who could ask questions about the project improving Glen Avenue from War Memorial Drive to University Street.

**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:

Jessie McGown Jr, a citizen of Peoria, said the Council should adopt a policy that permitted them to answer citizen questions during Citizens' Opportunity to Address the City Council/Town Board. He said City Staff disagreed with him regarding Tax Increment Financing (TIF) reimbursements, and he noted problems working with contractors that required a deposit. He asked the Council to make changes and recipients should be informed about the policy.

Michael P. Olson, a citizen of Peoria, said he taught at Peoria Public Schools for 37 years and the quality of family life in Peoria was strong. He said the Rivermen needed improvements to the ice plant at the Civic Center so they could stay in Peoria with a new lease at the arena.

Renee Waller, a citizen of Peoria and owner of Selfie Space, LLC., said she was excited to be a part of the revitalization efforts in downtown Peoria. She said she didn't feel supported when she redeveloped her business location, and she said she was trying to establish a network to help women starting their own businesses. She invited the Council to visit her business.

Brad Salisbury, a citizen of Metamora, said he lived in Peoria previously and he was encouraged by efforts to keep the Rivermen in Peoria. He said improvements to the ice plant were necessary, noting Rivermen players and support staff were members of the Peoria community, and the team brought many benefits such as revenue from travelers. He asked the Council to find a solution to fix the ice plant at the Civic Center.

Emily Hagaman, a citizen of Washington, said while the Council did not decide the fate of the Rivermen, the commission responsible for that decision was appointed by the Council. She said, as the wife of the Rivermen captain, she saw the benefits the team brought to the community and the response to the Save the Rivermen Facebook Group. She said a contract was needed to keep the Rivermen in Peoria, and she asked the Council to continue to show support for the Rivermen as they had done in the past.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was determined there was no need to enter into Executive Session at that time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

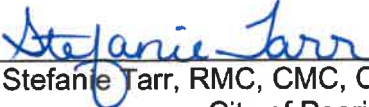
Council Member Oyler moved to adjourn the February 14, 2023, Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

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