

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

A Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council and Town Board of Peoria, Illinois, was held June 8, 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.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Ali welcomed J.J. Bullock, a news journalist with the Peoria Journal Star, who would be regularly covering the City Council Meetings.

COVID-19 PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the “Bridge Phase” of the Illinois COVID-19 Mitigation Plan which limits meetings to 60% capacity, and the CDC recommending social distancing of at least six feet; the City of Peoria implemented the following for the City Council Meeting on June 8th, 2021, while complying with the spirit of the Open Meetings Act. The Meeting was conducted in-person in Council Chambers. There was a room capacity restriction of 25 citizens, and a wait was required if met. The public was invited to watch through the City’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 were available online through the City’s website at ‘peoriagov.org’.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**World Sickle Cell Day – June 19th
Pride Month – June**

MINUTES

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on May 25, 2021, and the Special City Council Meeting held on June 1, 2021, as printed; 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.

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

- (21-145) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the MAY 2021 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the JUNE 2021 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the May 2021 Actual Expenditures and to approve the June 2021 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, Chairwoman Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (21-146) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**
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- (21-147) Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of a Dive Team Fire Rescue Boat (Marine 2), in the Amount of \$34,492.00, from MARINE ONE CORPORATION**
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- (21-148) Communication from City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and COUNTY OF PEORIA for the Construction of a SIDEWALK on WILLOW KNOLLS from ALLEN ROAD to UNIVERSITY STREET, with an Estimated City Cost of \$50,000.00. (Council District 5)**

- (21-149) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following [Council District 5] (Ref. Items 16-220, 17-230, 19-341, 20-019, 20-033, 20-047):**

A. APPROVE a Local Agency AGREEMENT for Federal Participation with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) to Request 80% Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Federal Funding (not to exceed \$95,245.00) for the SIDEWALK INSTALL TAP GRANT FY 2020, ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD & ALLEN ROAD; and

B. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Authorizing the City's Estimated Minimum Local Agency Funding Match (\$39,400.00), Subject to Approval from the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT), for the SIDEWALK INSTALL TAP GRANT FY 2020, ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD & ALLEN ROAD.

- (21-150) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, with Request to Concur:**

- Dr. Rita Ali - Mayor
- Patrick Urich - City Manager
- Rick Powers - Public Works Director

(21-151) **APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) from the JUNE 1, 2021, Special City Council Meeting, Regarding the CORONAVIRUS STATE and LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.)**

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

Council Member Kelly requested Item No. 21-146 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Oyler requested Item Nos. 21-147 and 21-149 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item Nos. 21-150 and 21-151 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 21-146 through 21-151 (excluding Item Nos. 21-146, 21-147, 21-149, 21-150, and 21-151, 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.

(21-146) **Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**
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Council Member Kelly asked Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson if the Declaration of Local State of Emergency would continue to be brought to the Council for approval following Governor Pritzker's announcement the State would be entering Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan on June 11, 2021. Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said due to a reduction or elimination of restrictions in Phase 5, the Declaration of Local State of Emergency's conditions would change but would continue to require Council approval at subsequent meetings.

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-147) **Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of a Dive Team Fire Rescue Boat (Marine 2), in the Amount of \$34,492.00, from MARINE ONE CORPORATION**
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Council Member Oyler said, after a conversation with City Manager Patrick Urich and Fire Chief James Bachman, the Council should discuss cost-sharing for specialized recovery equipment used in mutual aid calls with other municipalities. He asked City Manager Urich to bring an item for discussion at the Regular City Council Meeting on July 27, 2021.

Council Member Oyler moved to approve a sole source purchase of a Dive Team Fire Rescue Boat (Marine 2), in the amount of \$34,492.00, from Marine One Corporation; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-149) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a**
*** **Request for the Following [Council District 5] (Ref. Items 16-220, 17-230, 19-**
 341, 20-019, 20-033, 20-047):

- A. APPROVE a Local Agency AGREEMENT for Federal Participation with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) to Request 80% Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Federal Funding (not to exceed \$95,245.00) for the SIDEWALK INSTALL TAP GRANT FY 2020, ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD & ALLEN ROAD; and**

- B. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Authorizing the City's Estimated Minimum Local Agency Funding Match (\$39,400.00), Subject to Approval from the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT), for the SIDEWALK INSTALL TAP GRANT FY 2020, ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD & ALLEN ROAD.**

A revised Resolution was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve a Local Agency Agreement for Federal participation with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to request 80% Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Federal funding (not to exceed \$95,245.00) for the Sidewalk Install TAP Grant FY 2020, Orange Prairie Road & Allen Road; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the City's estimated minimum local agency funding match (\$39,400.00), subject to approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), for the Sidewalk Install TAP Grant FY 2020, Orange Prairie Road & Allen Road; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-149-B was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(21-150) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
**** COMMISSION, with Request to Concur:**

- Dr. Rita Ali - Mayor
- Patrick Ulrich - City Manager
- Rick Powers - Public Works Director

Council Member Jensen requested quarterly or annual updates from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission to the Peoria City Council. Mayor Ali and City Manager Ulrich discussed the newly merged commission's focus and functions.

Council Member Jensen moved to concur with the appointments by Mayor Ali to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; 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.

**(21-151) APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) from the JUNE 1,
***** 2021, Special City Council Meeting, Regarding the CORONAVIRUS STATE
and LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.)**

Council Member Jensen asked City Manager Patrick Ulrich for a Report Back regarding authorized uses of funds under the 'Address Negative Economic Impacts' category of the American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds in regards to a marketing or incentive program that would encourage people to move into specified areas of the City. She also asked for clarification regarding the use of the Fiscal Recovery Funds to make payments to the pension fund. City Manager Ulrich said the guidance from the U.S. Department of Treasury explained extraordinary payments, which was defined as any amount greater than regularly scheduled contributions, were not permitted. They discussed potential benefits of the City using the funding to make the regular pension fund payments.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the Committee Report (Policy Session) from the June 1, 2021, Special City Council Meeting, regarding the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; 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.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

**(21-152) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community
Development with a Request from the Community Development Block
Grant (CDBG) Public Services Advisory Commission to APPROVE the 2022
CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES PRIORITIES AND APPLICATION.**

The CDBG Public Services Advisory Commission minutes from April 16, 2021, and the draft minutes from May 21, 2021, were distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the 2022 CDBG Public Services priorities and application; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Council Member Jensen asked Senior Grants Coordinator Kathryn Murphy if human and sex trafficking were considered for the 2022 priorities list. Senior Grants Coordinator Murphy explained the process used to decide the priorities and said human and sex trafficking was covered under the 'services for victims of sexual abuse, domestic violence & stalking' priority. Council Member Jensen asked if a Council liaison would be assigned to the Commission, and she requested Council be notified when the Commission was going to meet to discuss potential annual priorities.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-153) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:

- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET to Recognize GRANT FUNDS Received from the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS to be Used to ELIMINATE the BUDGETED WORKING CASH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, in the Amount of \$10,000,000.00.**
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET to Recognize GRANT FUNDS Received from the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS to be Used to REMOVE MANDATORY FURLOUGHS for EXEMPT EMPLOYEES Beginning JUNE 1, 2021, Through DECEMBER 31, 2021, and to REINSTATE Pay For FURLOUGHS Taken from MARCH 3, 2021 Through MAY 31, 2021 in the Total Amount of \$301,685.00.**

Mayor Ali said, at Council's direction from the June 1, 2021, Policy Session, revisions were made to the proposed use of funding to eliminate the need for a working cash bond and to eliminate furloughs. City Manager Ulrich explained the changes to the effective dates and the reinstatement of Staff pay for furloughs taken from March 3, 2021 through May 31, 2021. He said a super-majority vote would be required for that Ordinance adoption.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2021 revised annual budget to recognize grant funds received from the American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds to be used to eliminate the budgeted working cash general obligation bonds, in the amount of \$10,000,000.00; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,853 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2021 revised annual budget to recognize grant funds received from the American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds to be used to remove mandatory furloughs for exempt employees beginning June 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, and to reinstate pay for furloughs taken from March 3, 2021 through May 31, 2021 in the total amount of \$301,685.00; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,854 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oylar, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

- (21-140) 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 Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to INNOVATION USES.**

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to Innovation Uses; seconded by Council Member Rigggenbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,855 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oylar, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

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

- (21-127) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to DEFER to the JUNE 22, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting 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 Rigggenbach moved to DEFER this item to the June 22, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to DEFER to the JUNE 22, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oylar, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Recent Events at the East Bluff Community Center

Council Member Rigggenbach recognized the recent events that occurred at the East Bluff Community Center, despite safety protocols being followed. He said there was some anxiety in

the community regarding recent crime, and he said community input was needed to determine how the American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds would be used to aid neighborhood stabilization.

Tailgate and Tallboys

Council Member Cyr said the Tailgate and Tallboys concert benefitted Peoria by drawing in people from outside the City who brought revenue to local businesses. He said it was a great event overall and hoped it would continue to play in Peoria.

Journal Star Article – Peoria Ranked 6th Best Place to Live

Council Member Cyr talked about an article in the Journal Star newspaper on Sunday, June 6, 2021, about a ranking from the website move.org, that placed the Peoria metro area as the 6th best place to live for those earning less than \$31,000.00 a year. He said the ranking was based on average rent and food costs as well as crime rates.

Mental Health Services in Peoria

Council Member Grayeb said he believed Peoria did not have adequate mental health service options to address the needs of the community. He asked the City Manager to confer with the Peoria County Board regarding potential solutions, such as using the recently closed Heddington Oaks facility to address mental health needs. He said citizens had shown interest in growing mental health services in Peoria and it was the Council's responsibility to address the issue.

Juneteenth Events

Council Member Allen explained why Juneteenth was celebrated annually, and he said 90.7 FM was hosting Peoria's Juneteenth Fest on Saturday, June 19, 2021, from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. at the Carver Center, John Gwynn Park. After inviting everyone to attend, he described the event, which would include music, games and access to free Coronavirus vaccinations and community resources.

Mayor Ali invited citizens to the Juneteenth Celebration event at the Contemporary Arts Center of Peoria on June 19, 2021, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Council Member Jackson said the Southside Community Center was hosting Freedom Fest, a Juneteenth Celebration, from June 12, 2021, through June 19, 2021, with events each day.

Access to COVID-19 Vaccinations

Council Member Jackson asked City Manager Urich about the possibility of using community events to promote or host Covid-19 vaccination clinics. She talked about the need for greater accessibility to the vaccine, especially in certain areas of the City.

Federal Emergency Housing Vouchers

Council Member Jackson asked City Manager Urich to explore the possibility of the City applying for Federal Emergency Housing Vouchers to address homelessness needs.

Illegal Fireworks and Police Response

Council Member Grayeb said the 4th of July was less than one month away, and he discussed concerns regarding illegal fireworks. He asked Interim Police Chief Doug Theobald for an update on the Police response plan regarding illegal fireworks. Interim Chief Theobald described the training and action already taken by Police Officers and Staff. He described plans to notify the public of the law, especially in areas with a history of violations, and he described plans of response to reported problems when they arise, including coordinating efforts with Peoria County.

Recent Homicides in Peoria

Council Member Allen acknowledged recent homicides in Peoria and expressed condolences to friends and family of the victims. He asked for the violence to stop and acknowledged the work of the Peoria Police Department to resolve the crimes and to prevent them.

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 Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

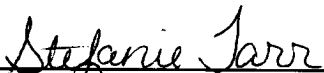
Council Member Cyr moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.



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