



: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held on March 28, 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, Jensen (6:05 P.M.), Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 11.
Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ali requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection, and she asked everyone to keep former Council Member Tim Newlin and his family in prayer in light of his recent passing. She then led the pledge of allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

Fair Housing Month
Child Abuse Prevention Month

MINUTES

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on March 14, 2023, as printed; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (23-088) **Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Council with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**
- (23-089) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a CONTRACT with RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES (RMA), in the Amount of \$39,075.00, to Administer the Fire Battalion Chief Promotional Examination.**

- (23-090) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with ROADWAY ASSET SERVICES, LLC (RAS), in the Amount of \$109,778.00 for the PAVEMENT CONDITION INDEX (PCI) UPDATE 2023 PROJECT. (All Council Districts)
- (23-091) ** Communication from the City manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT between the City of peoria and the GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT (GPSD) in Support of Pringle Technologies for the Haven on the Farm Development.
- (23-092) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and TAZEWELL COUNTY Regarding the TRI-COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL GUARDRAIL IMPROVEMENT. (Council Districts 1, 3, & 5)
- (23-093) Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with the EAST PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT for Mechanical Services and Repair Work on Fire Apparatus.
- (23-094) 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 ORDINANCE NO. 18,058 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a SHORT-TERM RENTAL for the Property Located at 3218 N. ISABELL AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 14-29-453-008), Peoria, IL. (Council District 2)
- (23-095) 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 ORDINANCE NO. 18,059 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for an ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY for the Property Located at 2020 W. WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE (Parcel Identification No. 14-30-201-004), Peoria, IL. (Council District 4)
- (23-096) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:

Christopher Gondi (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2023

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

Council Members Ruckriegel and Velpula requested Item No. 23-091 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 23-090 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 Ruckriegel.

Item Nos. 23-088 through 23-096 (excluding Item Nos. 23-090 and 23-091, 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.

(23-090) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with ROADWAY ASSET SERVICES, LLC (RAS), in the Amount of \$109,778.00 for the PAVEMENT CONDITION INDEX (PCI) UPDATE 2023 PROJECT. (All Council Districts)**
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After stating additional information was needed before voting, Council Member Jensen moved to defer the item to the April 11, 2023, City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Motion to defer the item to the April 11, 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.

(23-091) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT between the City of Peoria and the GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT (GPSD) in Support of Pringle Technologies for the Haven on the Farm Development.**
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Council Members Ruckriegel and Velpula said they would abstain from voting on the item due to a conflict of interest.

Council Member Oyler moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Peoria and the Greater Peoria Sanitary District (GPSD) in support of Pringle Technologies for the Haven on the Farm Development; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Discussions were held regarding the funding sources for the project.

Motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Peoria and the Greater Peoria Sanitary District (GPSD) in support of Pringle Technologies for the Haven on the Farm Development was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Ruckriegel, Velpula – 2.

PRESENTATIONS**(23-097) PRESENTATION by Members of the GREATER PEORIA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL Regarding Talent Attraction Strategy.**

Mayor Ali welcomed Doug Oberhelman, Chairman of the Gilmore Foundation Board of Directors and Chairman of the Greater Peoria Leadership Council (GPLC), Laura Cullinan, President of the Gilmore Foundation, and Misty Dykema, Co-owner and Principal of Simantel, and she thanked them for agreeing to present information on the GPLC Talent Attraction Strategy.

Doug Oberhelman began the presentation describing the mission and history of the Gilmore Foundation and its founder, Bob Gilmore. He discussed needs in the community and efforts addressing areas identified requiring improvement or growth. He said the three focus topics of the Talent Attraction Strategy were 1) talent attraction and retention, 2) Peoria branding, and 3) a unified positive Peoria message. He recognized local groups and organizations involved with the Talent Attraction Strategy as well as the partnership with Simantel to present solutions to provide recruitment tools to local employers.

Misty Dykema continued the presentation explaining collaboration efforts with civic organizations to provide priorities, guidance, and funding, to bring top level senior executive talent to the region. She said great jobs were available and help was needed to sell the power of Peoria. She described phases and the proposed timeline of the Talent Attraction Strategy, noting a website was being constructed to communicate information and provide resources to Human Resources (HR) leaders in the community.

Laura Cullinan concluded the presentation identifying community partnerships such as the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce, Discover Peoria, and the Economic Development Council, who contributed to the long-term efforts of talent attraction. She remarked on the importance for accountability of the GPLC to ensure progress was being made.

Mayor Ali commended those involved with the GPLC for their efforts and the fast-paced timeline, noting efforts began in September 2022. Mr. Oberhelman said it was important to implement the strategy as quickly as possible to foster success. Many Council Members thanked Mr. Oberhelman, Ms. Dykema, Ms. Cullinan, and all those involved with the GPLC for their efforts.

In response to Mayor Ali regarding training for HR representatives in the community, Ms. Dykema explained efforts to identify interested organizations and to provide resources and tools as well as training for local employers.

In response to Council Member Jackson regarding diversity efforts, Mr. Oberhelman explained the focus of the GPLC on equity and inclusion, noting investment was necessary from local businesses for a successful outcome.

Council Member Velpula emphasized the importance of local workforce development and retention in conjunction with attraction strategies. Mr. Oberhelman highlighted the public schools and colleges and what they offered. He remarked on the importance of communicating those benefits to encourage people to relocate or stay in Peoria.

Council Member Allen said this was a great example of collaborative efforts of the business leaders in the community. He expressed his appreciation for their efforts, stating he looked forward to seeing great talent coming to and staying in Peoria.

Council Member Riggerbach expressed his appreciation for the presentation and for the efforts of all the community leaders involved. He commented on the importance of promoting Peoria Public Schools and what they have to offer.

Council Member Oyler thanks the GPLC for doing something incredible and necessary for the community. He said actions triggered by the Talent Attraction Strategy would build the business community for long-term impact on the Peoria area. Mr. Oberhelman discussed the influence of different industries on Peoria over the years. He said the City has had many challenges to overcome, stating this was exactly what was needed to push the City into a different direction.

Council Member Jensen said she moved to Peoria approximately 28 years ago, commenting on the positive impact it had on her and her family. She recommended developing a campaign to encourage former residents to return to the City. She cited the many benefits of Peoria Public Schools as well as the flourishing art community in the City. She expressed her appreciation to the GPLC for moving forward with the proposed strategy.

Council Member Ruckriegel thanked Mr. Oberhelman and others for their involvement along with the Gilmore Foundation and the GPLC. He remarked on the housing market in the City and how it could be a selling point to encourage people to move to Peoria. Whether you are from Peoria or moved to Peoria, he said everyone can find a place where they can make a difference. He said he looked forward to seeing progress being made.

Council Member Kelly said he was excited about creative solutions presented by GPLC to address talent acquisition and retention. He said he was pleased with the leadership and direction of this initiative, stating great things would come out of this strategy.

Council Member Grayeb commented on the efforts of a citizen of Peoria and former business owner, Steve Spain, who recruited people to the City of Peoria. He said the City's best days were ahead. He commented on the efforts of diversifying the City's economy and the importance of getting the message out to everyone. He remarked on the importance of telling the story and why the presentation given was so critical and crucial.

Council Member Cyr recognized current and potential collaborators of the GPLC Talent Attraction Strategy initiative and expressed enthusiasm for the strategy.

After identifying citizens as Peoria's greatest asset and the value of talent retention and attraction strategies, Mayor Ali requested members of GPLC return in a few months to provide an update on the progress of the Talent Attraction Strategy.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the presentation by members of the Greater Peoria Leadership Council regarding talent attraction strategy; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(23-098) PRESENTATION by the CO-CHAIRS of the JOINT COMMISSION ON RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY on the 2022 Annual Report.

Mayor Ali welcomed Tim Bertschy and Mary Peterson, Co-Chairs of the Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity. She thanked them for presenting the 2022 Annual Report to the Council highlighting efforts over the last year.

Ms. Peterson and Mr. Bertschy discussed the composition of the RJE Commission, life and health statistics based on demographics, quality of life impact on the community, as well as the cycle of disparity with factors driving additional hardships. Ms. Peterson said a compilation of the report and additional information would be added to a website being constructed to communicate identified issues and provide updates to the community on potential solutions. She said the Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) tool was being considered for Peoria County and the City of Peoria to impact decisions in the community with equity opportunities and reflections. Mr. Bertschy stated the importance of collaboration with entities and organizations in the community, and the comparison of solutions for racial justice and equality in other areas. He recognized the efforts of the RJE Commission members, City of Peoria Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer Melodi Green; Peoria County Chief Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer Andre Allen; City of Peoria and Peoria County Staff. Mr. Bertschy concluded the presentation by acknowledging committee members who were present.

Many Council Members thanked Ms. Peterson and Mr. Bertschy for their leadership, and the RJE Commission members for their efforts. Mayor Ali commended the data-driven report identifying the baseline for racial justice and equity in Peoria to help determine viable solutions.

Council Member Allen expressed his gratitude to the co-chairs along with the over 100 volunteers on the Commission who have dedicated so much time to the Steering Committee. He said to attract and retain talented professionals in the region, inequities needed to be addressed and citizens required motivation to contribute to solutions. He said difficult conversations were required to advance efforts.

Council Member Jackson exited Council Chambers.

Council Member Riggerbach said the data provided a baseline to help leaders work through and address the issues. He said this was not just a Peoria County issue but was a regional issue. He encouraged neighboring communities to pursue similar efforts. He encouraged educational and recreational partners to embrace these efforts as a whole. He thanked the Co-Chairs of the RJE Commission for their work and dedication.

Council Member Kelly expressed his appreciation for all the work that went into establishing a baseline. He asked the RJE Commission to compile data for the missing values in the report. He said the report identified disparities but not the sources. He asked the RJE Commission to identify those causes before considering solutions, stating the citizens were key to promoting long-term sustainable results.

Council Member Grayeb requested specific suggestions for this Commission to make to our teachers and principals working with children every day, and for Police Officers working on the front line working to protect the City every day. He expressed a concern for the lack of parenting of the kids causing creating problems in the community, and he asked the Commission to address that concern. He provided background and the outcome on past efforts to address truant students in the City, commenting that even then there were not enough Police

Officers to police the City. He said the data provided only gave part of the story, stating the need for real solutions to address real problems. He encouraged the Commission to reach out to the various neighborhoods and Council Districts to solicit input to address these problems. He commented on the importance of parents needing know where their children were in the evenings. He also remarked on the issue of children accessing too many apps on their cell phones. He expressed his appreciation for the work done and requested the need for an action plan.

Council Member Kelly moved to receive and file the presentation by Co-Chairs of the Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity on the 2022 Annual Report; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(23-099) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to APPROVE the Allocation of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS for the Rehabilitation of LOGAN PARK and MORTON SQUARE PARK, in the Combined Amount of \$875,000.00.

City Manager Urich invited Community Development Director Joe Dulin and Emily Cahill to provide information regarding the Logan and Morton Square Park rehabilitation projects. Director Dulin said CDBG funds would be used for proposed quality of life investments for neighborhood rehabilitation projects in Logan Park and Morton Square Park.

Council Member Jackson returned to Council Chambers.

Emily Cahill, Executive Director of the Peoria Park District, thanked the Council and City Staff for collaborative efforts impacting the community. She said a ribbon-cutting event for Trewyn Park was scheduled for April 10, 2023, to unveil improvements there, and she said the Peoria Park District looked forward to meeting expectations in Logan and Morton Square Parks as well.

In response to Council Member Grayeb regarding features offered through the Peoria Park District, Director Cahill described youth activities available with free access for qualified families through State of Illinois funding, replacement procedures and policies for equipment at facilities, how activities and procedures were impacted during the pandemic, and details regarding pools and splash pad facilities in the community. Council Member Grayeb said it was important to note investments helping youth in the Peoria area.

After Council Member Jensen asked about funding sources for the proposed projects, Director Dulin said the rehabilitation of Logan Park and Morton Square Park were fully funded through the CDBG funds. Director Cahill described collaborative funding efforts for upgrades to parks across the city, including the Glen Park playground.

Council Member Riggerbach said this was a great example of government entities cooperating for a common cause, and he discussed the impact the Trewyn Park improvements had on the community. He said he looked forward to the proposed improvements inspiring youth activity.

Council Member Allen noted collaboration was the theme that evening, and he asked about designing the proposed projects. Director Cahill said the project scope required for Community Development Block Grant funds and professional expertise provided an outline for the projects, but she said many aesthetic decisions would be presented to the community for input.

Council Member Jackson discussed the community response to the Trewyn Park improvements, including increased activities and events.

In response to Council Member Kelly regarding City contributions to Peoria Park District projects, City Manager Urich and Director Cahill reviewed past collaborative projects, the value of parks in the community, the role of the Peoria Park District, City of Peoria contributions to the Park District, and fees collected that were allocated to the Peoria Park District.

Council Member Kelly noted an increased frequency of contributing funds to other government entities. He asked the Council to consider a Policy Session to discuss the support of other tax-generating entities in the area. He said the Council should be cautious about using CDBG funds for projects other than rehabilitation and down payment assistance.

Council Member Riggerbach recognized Grants Coordinator Kathryn Murphy and Community Development Staff for distributing funds, including CDBG funds, into the community. He said he did not see a need for a Policy Session stating each project funding proposal should be considered on a case-by-case basis. He cautioned against setting a precedent while protecting potential governmental cooperation opportunities.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the rehabilitation of Logan Park and Morton Square Park, in the combined amount of \$875,000.00; seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Council Member Oyler said he agreed with Council Member Kelly, stating there needed to be some type of guideline for the Council and Staff to follow. He said he supported the approval of the Logan Park and Morton Square Park project as proposed, but he said the Council should establish boundaries and criteria going forward.

Motion to approve the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the rehabilitation of Logan Park and Morton Square Park, in the combined amount of \$875,000.00 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(23-100) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with CLOUDPOINT GEOSPATIAL, INC., in the Amount of \$78,700.00 for 2023, \$130,400.00 for 2024, and \$13,200.00 for 2025.

Public Works Director Rick Powers said extensive funds were allocated to infrastructure projects and maintenance in the City every year. He said the proposed agreement with Cloudpoint Geospatial would review existing assets and consult on additional resources, such as an appropriate wholistic asset management system tool that would help drive decisions of Staff and the Council for infrastructure projects. He reviewed how data was collected and managed regarding City infrastructure, factors affecting infrastructure deterioration, and identification

methods for areas of greatest need for improvements in the City. He said Cloudpoint Geospatial, Inc., worked with other communities in the region, and he said representatives were in attendance to answer questions. Director Powers said the agreement terms included training for Staff and a review of resources and processes leading to recommended tools to provide Staff and the Council with a wholistic geospatial view of infrastructure needs.

Mayor Ali said she was interested in technology promoting efficiency, cost-savings, and smart-solutions. She asked the representatives from Cloudpoint Geospatial to provide additional information to the Council.

Jonathan Hodel, President of Cloudpoint Geospatial, said the company functioned as a GIS consultant with a Public Works focus that considered transportation and utilities as well. He discussed the versatility of the technology as well as communities in the Midwest and across the country that utilized their services.

In response to Mayor Ali regarding training requirements, Mr. Hodel said it depended on the needs of the municipality regarding applications, technology, as well as utilization levels and requirements, noting terms of the agreement provided for evaluation of existing assets and determining needs going forward.

Council Member Ruckriegel said he saw a lot of utility with this technology which could save the City extra money when doing a project. He remarked on the wholistic view of assets when making decisions allocating funds in the most prudent and effective way to improve Peoria.

In response to Council Member Velpula on what the contract terms included, Director Powers said initial costs of the agreement were higher to cover training, evaluation, and acquisition of the asset management system, followed by a reduction in costs to reflect general GIS management. He said the cost of the asset management system would be determined after needs were determined and the Request for Proposal process was completed.

Council Member Riggerbach thanked Director Powers for the proposed initiative. He said he looked forward to seeing how this project progressed and how to explain it to their constituents. He noted the value of prioritizing projects.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Cloudpoint Geospatial, Inc., in the amount of \$78,700.00 for 2023, \$130,400.00 for 2024, and \$13,200.00 for 2025; 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.

(23-101) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE to Make TEMPORARY AMENDMENTS to CHAPTER 18 (Licenses) Reducing Fees, Allowing Additional Locations in ARTICLE XVII (Mobile Food Vehicles), and Reducing Fees in ARTICLE XII (Street and Sidewalk Vendors) of the CODE of the City of Peoria.

City Manager Urich said the proposed temporary changes to the Code of the City of Peoria, which was supported by Peoria County, reflected the same waiver of fees for food trucks and

push carts in 2023 as in 2022. He said it also provided for the expansion of permitted locations for mobile food vehicles, to encourage the return of food trucks and carts in downtown Peoria.

After she said the initiative was previously proposed to inspire a resurgence of mobile food vehicles in downtown Peoria, Council Member Jensen moved to adopt an Ordinance to make temporary amendments to Chapter 18 (Licenses) reducing fees, allowing additional locations in Article XVII (Mobile Food Vehicles), and reducing fees in Article XII (Street and Sidewalk Vendors) of the Code of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Council Member Oyler said he was consistent with his position in 2022 in opposition to this proposal. He said it sent the wrong message to restaurant owners in downtown Peoria who paid fees and taxes for their businesses that were not required for mobile food vendors and eliminating fees for mobile food vendor licenses caused concern. He commented on the importance of supporting restaurant owners, especially those who endured the stressors of the pandemic. He said he would vote against this item.

ORDINANCE NO. 18,060 to make temporary amendments to Chapter 18 (Licenses) reducing fees, allowing additional locations in Article XVII (Mobile Food Vehicles), and reducing fees in Article XII (Street and Sidewalk Vendors) of the Code of the City of Peoria was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Cyr, Oyler, Ruckriegel – 3.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition of Ed McGraw

Council Member Riggerbach recognized long-time East Bluff resident for his induction in the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame. He said he was a civics teacher at Peoria Central Junior High School that inspired many students over the years, including himself, into public service. He said Mr. McGraw was a great community leader and one of the founders of the Steamboat Classic, which was celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in June 2023. He congratulated Mr. McGraw on his many achievements and positive impact on the community.

Trewyn Park Ribbon-Cutting Event

Council Member Jackson invited citizens to the Trewyn Park ribbon-cutting event on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 10:30 A.M., in collaboration with the Peoria Park District, noting the park was a vital part of the community. She highlighted upgrades including ADA accessibility, pavilion improvements, and basketball equipment, and she thanked everyone involved for their efforts.

Proposed Carbon Dioxide Pipeline

Council Member Jensen asked Staff to bring back a Resolution in opposition along with a moratorium to the proposed carbon dioxide pipeline right through Peoria's southside.

Council Member Jackson said she appreciated the request from Council Member Jensen noting she had researched the issue and was opposed to the project for many reasons. She said a press conference was scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 10:30 A.M. to discuss how the pipeline would affect the region. She said she supported the approval of a moratorium until more information could be provided and due diligence performed. She said it was important to raise awareness on the project and to garner input from citizens.

In response to Council Member Grayeb on City Staff recommendations regarding the proposed project, City Manager Urich said no position was taken on the project due to a lack of information to make an informed decision. He said information would be compiled and presented to the Council once it was available. Council Member Grayeb said potential health and environmental concerns of the projects would affect the entire region. He said he would work with Council Member Jackson to perform due diligence on the proposal.

Knoxville Avenue Sinkhole

In response to Council Member Grayeb regarding an update on a sinkhole on Knoxville Avenue near Nebraska Avenue, Director Powers said Public Works Staff communicated with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding state-owned road repair responsibilities. Council Member Grayeb said the safety concern should be addressed as soon as possible.

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Election

Council Member Cyr said the election on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, would determine At-Large Council Member representatives for the next four years. He thanked Council Members Jensen and Ruckriegel for their years of service, wished Council Members Velpula, Kelly, and Oyler luck at the polls, and encouraged citizens to vote.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ali granted the privilege of the floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council/Town Board as follows:

Eric Smith, a citizen of Peoria, discussed speeding concerns on Mount Hawley Road, and he said traffic calming methods were needed. He said he sent communications to the Council regarding potential solutions, noting some responses mentioned pending legislation regarding speed monitoring cameras. He listed recorded speeds of vehicles and how they were calculated, and he asked the Council to provide a solution to address safety concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion for the City Council to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; and 2(c)(21), discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Council Member Kelly moved for the City Council to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; and 2(c)(21), discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Kelly moved to adjourn the March 28, 2023, City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 P.M.



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

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