



**: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held on July 26, 2022, 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, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel (electronic), Velpula, Mayor Ali – 9. Absent: Cyr, Jensen - 2.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MINUTES**

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on July 9, 2022, the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on July 12, 2022, and the Special City Council Meeting held on July 19, 2022, as printed; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,  
Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None.

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

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

- (22-258)      Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**
- (22-259)      Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE a PURCHASE of (4) Four Solar Powered Camera Surveillance Trailers from INDUSTRIAL VIDEO & CONTROL, in the Amount of \$91,239.00.**
- (22-260)      Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE an AGREEMENT with PACE SCHEDULER, to Upgrade the City of Peoria Police Department's Scheduling and Timekeeping Software, in the Amount of \$16,075.00 Per Year.**

- (22-261) **Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE an AGREEMENT with CENTRAL SQUARE TECHNOLOGIES for Public Safety GIS/Analytics Services and Public Safety Project Management Services, to Upgrade the Existing CRIME VIEW ANALYTICS SOFTWARE, in the Amount of \$17,550.00.**
- (22-262) **\* 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 Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 14,108, in a Class R-4 (Single-Family) District, for an Early Childhood Center to Install Fencing with Waivers for the Property Located at 923 W MILLMAN ST and 1004 - 1006 W BUTLER ST (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-08-460-012; 18-08-460-013; 18-08-460-014; 18-08-460-015; 18-08-460-026; 18-08-460-027; 18-08-460-029; 18-08-460-030), Peoria IL (Council District 1)**
- (22-263) **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. 17,988 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a SHORT-TERM RENTAL, for the Property Located at 1913 E KNOX AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 14-26-302-009), Peoria, IL (Council District 3)**
- (22-264) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,989 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a SHORT-TERM RENTAL, for the Property Located at 601 E WILSON AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 14-28-430-015), Peoria, IL (Council District 3)**
- (22-265) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License, with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol, for THE QUEEN OF SQUASH, LLC, 1108 W. GLEN, Contingent Upon the Issuance of all Appropriate Permits and a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 3)**
- (22-266) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the Labor Day Picnic at Riverfront Festival Park on September 5, 2022, 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.**
- (22-267) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to DENY the SITE APPLICATION for a Class C-1 (Packaged Goods) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol on the premises for MOHAMMED ISSA, D/B/A STERLING LIQUOR STORE, 3037 N. STERLING AVE, SUITE A & B, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Deny. (Council District 1)**

**(22-268) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the HOUSING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

**Debbi La Rue (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023**

**(22-269) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ali to the CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

**Jonelle McCloud (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2025**

**Aaron S. Kilgore (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2025**

**(22-270) Communication from the City Manager, Director of Public Works, and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a REPORT from the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) Titled DOCUMENTATION REVIEW #75.**

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

Council Member Jackson requested Item No. 22-262 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 22-258 through 22-270 (except Item No. 22-262, which was removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None.

**(22-262) \* 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 Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 14,108, in a Class R-4 (Single-Family) District, for an Early Childhood Center to Install Fencing with Waivers for the Property Located at 923 W MILLMAN ST and 1004 - 1006 W BUTLER ST (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-08-460-012; 18-08-460-013; 18-08-460-014; 18-08-460-015; 18-08-460-026; 18-08-460-027; 18-08-460-029; 18-08-460-030), Peoria IL (Council District 1)**

Council Member Jackson said she was in support of this project, and she commended the staff at Webster PCCEO Headstart Center for their plans to update the property. She said new fencing was part of the planned improvements and was greatly needed.

At the conclusion of her comments, Council Member Jackson moved to adopt an Ordinance amending existing Special Use Ordinance No. 14,108, in a Class R-4 District, for an early childhood center to install fencing with waivers for the property located at 923 W. Millman Street and 1004-1006 W. Butler Street; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,990 amending existing Special Use Ordinance No. 14,108, in a Class R-4 District, for an early childhood center to install fencing with waivers for the property located at 923 W. Millman Street and 1004-1006 W. Butler Street was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,  
Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

**(22-271) Communication from the City Manager and the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer with a Request to APPROVE the PEORIA EQUITY ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM (PeAP), Establish the First City of Peoria M/WBE Certification, and Build a Certified Business Directory for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and/or Women Business Enterprises (WBEs).**

After Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer Melodi Green recognized Gabe Jaja, Managing Partner at Human Capital Development that consulted on the PeAP and was in attendance that evening, she provided details on the PeAP program. She asked the Council to approve the Minority/Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) Certification Program with a local business registry. She said, at no-cost to the applicant, the business would be officially recognized as WMBE (M/WBE?) by the City of Peoria and would be included on a comprehensive, user-friendly directory with information on goods and services provided by the business. She said it would not only benefit the applicants, but also entities they do business with in order to help them meet inclusion goals. She said at a Community Launch event on August 10, 2022, volunteers and City Staff would enroll local businesses in the PeAP program at the downtown location of the Peoria Public Library. She thanked Staff and all those involved with the program, and she said she looked forward to advancing equity with community partners.

Discussions were held concerning similar programs in other municipalities, potential growth opportunities for the program, and the benefits the program and registry would bring to the City.

Council Member Allen said he was in support of the program in order to make meaningful progress in the community engaging and supporting M/WBE businesses. Council Member Riggerbach said the business registry had been a longstanding request of the Council, noting it would be a great benefit to Peoria.

Council Member Jackson moved to approve the Peoria Equity Accountability Program (PeAP), establish the first City of Peoria M/WBE Certification, and build a Certified Business Directory for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and/or Women Business Enterprises (WBEs); seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,  
Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None.

**(22-272) Communication from the Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT between PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 150 and the City of Peoria, to Employ and Compensate the District's Off Duty Campus Safety Employees During Special Events in the City, at their Current Overtime Wage Rate.**

Police Chief Eric Echevarria said the Peoria Police Department and Peoria Public Schools collaborated to identify cost-effective solutions to address safety concerns by proactively curbing youth violence. He said while the organizations shared information and collaborated efforts, the Intergovernmental Agreement would expand efforts to syndicate school and community amity and intervention efforts. He said the knowledge and relationships Campus Safety Employees fostered with students would be leveraged outside of the schools to address concerns with youth, providing wrap-around services for students and families.

Chief Demario Boone, Director of School Safety for Peoria Public School District 150, said the enhancement of school safety was not an 8-hour job and it was important to provide wrap-around services for families. He said engaging Campus Safety Employees freed Police Officers to answer other emergency calls and allowed deeper investigation, reaction, and recourse opportunities to address youth violence and other concerns. He listed other municipalities that employed the process to the great benefit of their communities and helped foster a safe environment for all citizens.

Chief Echevarria said the Agreement was not a substitute for the additional Police Officers that were needed, but it allowed additional response measures to address youth violence in Peoria with trained Staff that had established relationships and experience in the community. He said it filled a gap to interrupt violence in the youth population in a restorative manner.

Discussions were held concerning the funding source, how the Campus Safety Employees were compensated and loaned equipment, and the liberation of Police Officers to address other emergency calls.

Council Member Allen said he supported the Intergovernmental Agreement, noting it was a great program.

Connecting students and families to available services in the community, the schedule to employ the off-duty Campus Safety Employees, and the funds utilized by the Police Department to compensate the Peoria Public Schools Staff were discussed.

Council Member Jackson moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Peoria Public Schools District 150 and the City of Peoria, to employ and compensate the District's Off Duty Safety Employees during special events in the City, at their current overtime wage rate; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,  
Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None.

- (22-273) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT ORDINANCE A, OR, the Recommendation from Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE B, Both AMENDING Existing Use with Approvals as a SPECIAL USE with waivers in a Class R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) District and a Class R-8 (Multi-Family Residential) District for an Existing NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, to Allow Parking Lot Improvements, a New Accessory Storage Structure and to Add Property to the Boundary of the Special Use for the Property Located at 800 and 816 NE MADISON AVE, 803 and 809 NE JEFFERSON AVE (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-03-353-007, 18-03-354-001, 18-03-354-003, 18-03-354-012, 18-03-354-013) with the Property to be Added Located at 724 and 814 NE MADISON AVE, 801 and 815 NE JEFFERSON AVE, and 406 WAYNE ST (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-03-353-006, 18-03-354-002, 18-03-354-011, 18-03-354-014, and 18-03-354-009), Peoria IL. (Council District 3)**

Council Member Riggerbach said the Peoria Friendship House was a landmark in the North Valley that benefitted many citizens. He said in order to continue communications and retrieve information regarding the two options presented, he was requesting a two-week deferral.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Riggerbach moved to DEFER the item to the August 9, 2022, City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Motion to DEFER the item to the August 9, 2022, City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None.

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

- (22-175) **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 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a SHORT-TERM RENTAL for the Property Located at 1709 W. SHERMAN AVE (Parcel Identification No. 18-08-151-026) Peoria, IL. (Council District 1)**

Community Development Director Joe Dulin said when the application was submitted to the City as a single family dwelling instead of a duplex, they attempted to contact the applicant in order to amend the application and resubmit the request through the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said because no response had been received by the applicant regarding the request, he asked the Council to deny the Ordinance so the applicant could reapply with the corrected designation.

Council Member Kelly moved to DENY an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a Short-Term Rental for the property located at 1709 W. Sherman Avenue; seconded by Council Member Jackson.

In response to Council Member Allen regarding the next steps, Director Dulin said the property had operated as a Short-Term Rental without a license and would be advised to desist until the correct license was issued by the City. He estimated the corrected Short-Term Rental application could be presented to the Council for approval at the September 27, 2022, City Council Meeting.

Motion to DENY an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a Short-Term Rental for the property located at 1709 W. Sherman Avenue was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,  
Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None.

**(22-249) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:**

- A. APPROVE the Addition of 10 FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKERS, that will Increase the City's Full-Time Maintenance Worker Staff from 31 Employees to 41 Employees, will Reduce the City's Temporary Maintenance Worker Staff from 15 Employees to 5 Employees During the Summer, and will Reduce the City's Temporary Maintenance Worker Staff from 22 Employees to 12 Employees during the Winter; and,**
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2022 and 2023 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of General Fund Balance and Storm Water Utility Fund Balance for the Additional Staff in the Public Works Department, in the Amount of \$250,000.00 in 2022 and \$450,000.00 in 2023.**

A revised Council Communication adjusting the dollar amounts in item B, and a revised Ordinance was distributed to all Council Members.

Public Works Director Rick Powers said he was pleased to inform the Council increased savings were identified with the proposed changes from the addition of full-time Staff instead of part-time Staff. He explained how Maintenance Worker Staff were scheduled during different seasons of the year, their tasks, and compensation information. He explained how the revised proposal provided additional cost-savings and the increased services the Public Works Department could provide with the additional Staff hours, including the crack-sealing efforts that would decrease damage to the streets over winter months.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the addition of 10 full-time maintenance workers, that will increase the City's full-time maintenance worker Staff from 31 employees to 41 employees, will reduce the City's temporary maintenance worker Staff from 15 employees to 5 employees during the summer, and will reduce the City's temporary maintenance worker Staff from 22 employees to 12 employees during the winter; seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,  
Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None.

After Council Member Grayeb said a super-majority vote would be required for approval of the Ordinance, he moved to adopt an amended Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2022 and 2023 Revised Annual Budget relating to the use of General Fund Balance and Storm Water Utility Fund Balance for the additional Staff in the Public Works Department, in the amount of \$250,000.00 in 2022 and \$450,000.00 in 2023, amended to revise the amount in 2022 to \$125,000.00, and the amount in 2023 to \$50,000.00; seconded by Council Member Allen.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,991, as amended, was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,  
Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

It was determined that there was no New Business to discuss at that time.

### **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.

Asa Lewis Jr., a citizen of Peoria, discussed violence in the City that affected him personally and the program he founded to address concerns with the youth in the community. He asked the Council to take action utilizing the available Violence Reduction Funding, collaborating and communicating with local organizations to benefit citizens utilizing a multi-faceted approach to mitigate violence.

Lawrence Maushard, a citizen of the East Bluff in Peoria, said the Alexis Camry Scott case was approaching the five-year anniversary and he asked why there were no updates. He asked the Police Department to increase the reward for information on the case and to collaborate with other agencies to determine what happened.

William Jones, a citizen of Peoria, asked for the Police Department to make progress on the Alexis Camry Scott case. He said Alexis's child was at home being raised by his grandmother and she did not have any answers to give to him about his mother. He asked the detectives to look at the evidence and solve the case. He asked about the benefits afforded to staff at Springdale Cemetery and asked the Council to find out why they were not offered health insurance.

Kyle Burger, a citizen of Peoria, said he has witnessed the deterioration of the neighborhoods and crime in the City, noting opportunities for improvement included increasing job opportunities and economic growth. He made suggestions for improvements on demolished properties throughout the City in order to address food desert concerns, grow businesses, and construct new housing. He said a universal basic income program could aid citizens to create relief from mental concerns, pay bills, and offset inflation.

Allan Max Axelrod and representatives of Starbucks Workers United, requested the Council approve a Resolution proposed by the Starbucks Workers United to allow organized employees to create unions in order to foster impactful change. The proposed Resolution was read aloud and distributed to the Council.



Rachael O'Reilly, a citizen of Peoria, said Alexis Camry Scott was a victim, she reviewed the facts of the case, and she provided the definition for sex-trafficking. She asked all those listening to keep Alexis and her family in their thoughts and prayers, to share the information about her case, and to enforce the law regarding those responsible for sex trafficking.

### 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.**

Council Member Allen moved 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; seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Motion to enter into Executive Session was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,

Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None.

### ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Grayeb moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

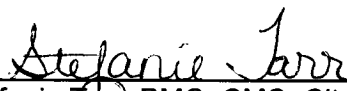
Motion to adjourn was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,

Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

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

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