

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held May 25, 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 (6:05 P.M.), Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ali – 10. Absent: None.

COVID-19 PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Illinois Phase 4 Re-Opening Plan and the CDC recommendation of social distancing of at least six feet between persons, and Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, as amended and extended, that required the provision of video, audio or telephonic access to meetings; City Hall implemented changes and restrictions for the City Council Meeting on May 25, 2021, while complying with the spirit of the Open Meetings Act.

The meeting was held in-person in City Council Chambers. There was a room capacity restriction of 25 citizens and a wait was required if met. Temperature screenings and face coverings were required for access to City Hall. Members of the public and media were invited to watch through the live stream on the City of Peoria's website, the City's 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 was available online through the City's website.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**University of Illinois College of Medicine – 50th Anniversary
Gun Violence Awareness Day
The League of Women Voters – 101st Anniversary**

MINUTES

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on May 11, 2021, as printed; 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.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

- (21-130) **Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**
- (21-131) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of a ScanX Scout Model D5000 Explosive Ordnance X-Ray Machine, 9 Phosphor Storage Plates, 9 Plate Protectors, and a Flex Ray ScanX Scout Kit with Hard Transport Case from SCANNA MSC INC., in the Amount of \$31,835.20, to be Purchased from the 2020 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant..**
- (21-132) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Execution of a One-Year CONTRACT with DATA PROSE LLC, in an Amount not to Exceed \$150,000.00, to Provide Utility Bill Printing and Mailing Services with up to Three One-Year Renewals Based Upon Performance.**
- (21-133) **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. 17,850 REZONING Property from a Class O-1 (Arterial Office) District to a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for the Property Located at 5006 N UNIVERSITY STREET (Parcel Identification No. 14-20-251-008), Peoria IL. (Council District 3).**
- (21-134)
* **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request for the Following (All Council Districts):**
- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Authorizing the City of Peoria to BORROW FUNDS from the ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (IEPA) STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) Loan Program; and**
 - B. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to Sign and Submit LOAN APPLICATION Forms, Tax Compliance Certificate and AGREEMENT, and Supporting Documents for the IEPA Loan Program.**
- (21-135) **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. 17,851 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) for AUTO SALES, for the Property Located at 2316 SW JEFFERSON AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 18-17-182-001), Peoria, IL. (Council District 1)**

- (21-136) 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 at WATER STREET TRADING ADVISORY, LLC, D/B/A CUISINE CONCEPTS, 6035 N. KNOXVILLE AVE., SUITE 101-J, Contingent Upon Issuance of all Appropriate Permits and a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 3)
- (21-137) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class A (tavern) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at POPADZIUK INDUSTRIES, LLC, D/B/A THE MISSING ZITHER, 6035 N. KNOXVILLE AVE., SUITE 100-Z, Contingent Upon Issuance of all Appropriate Permits and a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 3)
- (21-138) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class G-B (beer and wine only restaurant) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at THE FRY SPOT, LLC, D/B/A THE FRY SPOT, 3127 N. PROSPECT ROAD, Contingent Upon Issuance of all Appropriate Permits and a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 3)
- (21-139) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION to Expand from a Class M-1 (BYOB - Culinary Education) to a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at UNTAMED CHEF, 7338 N. UNIVERSITY, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)

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

Council Member Cyr requested Item No. 21-134 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 21-130 through 21-139 (excluding Item No. 21-134, which was 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.

(21-134)
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Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request for the Following (All Council Districts):

- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Authorizing the City of Peoria to BORROW FUNDS from the ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (IEPA) STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) Loan Program; and**
- B. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to Sign and Submit LOAN APPLICATION Forms, Tax Compliance Certificate and AGREEMENT, and Supporting Documents for the IEPA Loan Program.**

Council Member Cyr and City Manager Patrick Urich discussed the terms of the proposed loan agreement, the annual approval requirement, and how the funding would be applied in conjunction with Stormwater Utility Fees and Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) fees. Council Member Cyr said he would not support the funding model as proposed, citing concerns he raised at previous City Council Meetings.

Discussions were held regarding the repayment plan and rate structure of the loan.

Council Member Kelly moved to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the City of Peoria to borrow funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Discussions were held related to borrowing limitations, interest rates, repayment requirements, and other sources of funding such as grants and other federal funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,852 authorizing the City of Peoria to borrow funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program was adopted roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Mayor Ali - 8;

Nays: Cyr, Ruckriegel - 2.

Council Member Grayeb moved to authorize the City Manager to sign and submit loan application forms, tax compliance certificate and agreement, and supporting documents for the IEPA Loan Program; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Mayor Ali - 8;

Nays: Cyr, Ruckriegel - 2.

FIRST READINGS

(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 RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to INNOVATION USES.

Senior Planner Leah Allison summarized the history of the item, to include the establishment of the Peoria Innovation District. She said if the Ordinance was adopted, the premise of the Innovation District would be expanded to include the entire City of Peoria in order to encourage and support new businesses. She explained the zoning permitted and special uses as well as performance standards that would be required.

Discussions were held regarding the prohibition of outdoor activities as an 'Innovation Use' as it was written in the Ordinance.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to Innovation Uses; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 21-140 will be placed on the June 8, 2021, Regular City Council Agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(21-141) Communication from the Mayor and City Manager with a Request to:

- A. APPROVE the AMENDMENT to the CHARTER of the JOINT COMMISSION on RACIAL JUSTICE with the County of Peoria; and**
- B. CONCUR with the APPOINTMENTS to the JOINT COMMISSION on RACIAL JUSTICE with the County of Peoria as Follows:**

STEERING COMMITTEE:	JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE:	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS SUB-COMMITTEE:
Timothy Bertschy	Susan O'Neal	Nia McFarland-Drye
Mary Peterson	Derrick Parker	Brent Oest
Angela Bolden	LaVetta Aguilera	Shawn Allen
Charles Brown	Corey Allen	Erik Christian
Mary Chapai	Pachounce' Allen-Walker	Patricia K Ellis
Robert Dunigan	Peter Barclay	Doris Griffin
Raeann Garza Whitby	Sandra Crow	Brian Gruber
Angela Green	Donna Crowder	Destiny Hayes
Joshua Gunn	Sandra Dudley	Jonathan Jenkins
Julia Issa-Ghantous	Talisha Evans	James McCoy
Jim Johnson	Emily Gill	Paula Nachtrieb
Micah Lavender	M. Catherine Godhigh	Tom Pelger
Chuck Mitchell	Barb Katz	Ronald Ruffin
Mike Murphy	Jennifer Keffler	Michael Seghetti
Rasheedah Na'Allah	Omar Malcolm	Chris Setti
Pam Orear	Jennifer Morris	Jacqueline Watkins
Abraim Robinson	William Ordaz	Kenten Watkins
Jonathan Wright	Marcola Owens	Marilyn Woods
Bradley Wright-Hulett	Rebecca Runyon	Janice Zagardo
Angela Young	Jennifer Welch-Farrell	Ken Zika

**CHILD AND YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT SUB-
COMMITTEE:**

Gigi Gibson
Anupama Uddavolu
May Abouhouli
Krishan Bedi
Stephanie Bragg
Bianca Brown
Bernard Bryant
Shalandra Burch
Tonya Fant
Nikole Henry
Courtney Lee
Christian Lee
Charles Miner
Dearl E. "Skip" Morris
Dawn Parker-Frakes
Teri Rainey
Anni Reinking
Nikki Romain
Kristie Stockham
Ashley Whitlatch

**QUALITY HOUSING SUB-
COMMITTEE:**

Andres Diaz
Marcus Peoples
Debra Avery
Latoya Brown
Alicia Harris
Donny Henry
Adam Hopkins
Jim Johnson
Irene Lewis-Wimbley
Benny Little
Fai Lowe
Roberta Parks
Shataqua Poindexter
Jerricka Rencher
DezMonique Robertson
Valerie Timmes
Brian Uhlenhopp
Kiran Velpula
Krista Wresinski

**HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES SUB-
COMMITTEE:**

Francesca Armmer
Nicole Robertson
Tamia Banks
Ethan Carnes
La'Shay Carter
Terry Cassidy
Shacorrah Evans
Mariama Ford
Bernice Gordon-Young
Rachel Hearn
Mike Kennedy
Kamlesh Macwan
Anne Morrow
Shanta Murthy
Carla Sewell
Jaclyn Shallat
Crystal Slaughter
Barbara Smith
Chris Wade
Linda Wilson

**TRANSPORTATION AND
MOBILITY SUB-
COMMITTEE:**

Peter Kobak
Ronald Rasberry
Antwaun Banks
Jamie Bell
Aaron Chess
Gloria Clark
Daniel Elliott
Tina Foley
George Ghareeb
Lorene King
Anshuman Reddy
Ursula Towne
Douglas Troop

**INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY SUB-
COMMITTEE:**

Jamiel Shelton
Jessica Bastian
Sean Garrett
Thomas Higgins
Robert Ramoska
Lisamarie Schultz
Sean Couch
Brooke Sommerville
Aishi Tulasaku
Nyrobi Wheeler

**ENVIRONMENT AND
CLIMATE SUB-
COMMITTEE:**

Jason Beverlin
Jamila Wilson
Edward Barry
Camille Coates
Thomas Drea
Joyce Harant
Dawn Harris Jeffries, PhD
Ryan Hidden
Barbara Kaptanian-Ruth
Ashley Maybanks
Barbara Pierce
Mara Romeo
Jonathan Thomas

A revised Charter of the Joint Commission on Racial Justice was distributed to all Council Members with changes outlined on page 4.

Mayor Ali described how the Commission was founded in partnership with Peoria County. She described the application process, requirements, and the evolution of the commission due to the vast number of interested citizens. She said the sub-committees were formed to focus on different areas of need. She concluded by explaining the structure of the committees and the training received by the appointees to best serve in their roles.

City Manager Patrick Urich explained the revision to the Charter as outlined in the handout, and how the Peoria County Board would approve the Charter and appointees at the June 10, 2021, meeting. He also mentioned the ex-officio members of the Steering Committee.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the amendment to the Charter of the Joint Commission on Racial Justice with the County of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Allen thanked Mayor Ali for her leadership regarding the Joint Commission on Racial Justice and said he looked forward to the hard work and progress sparked by the appointees. Mayor Ali thanked Council Member Allen for his participation on the establishment of the Commission as well.

Council Member Jensen said she enthusiastically supported the item and she thought the changes were long overdue. She said she was going to be the Council liaison for the Justice Reform Sub-Committee and how appropriate it was for the Council to appoint the Commissioners on the one-year anniversary of George Floyd's death.

Motion to approve the amendment to the Charter of the Joint Commission on Racial Justice with the County of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Allen moved to concur with the appointments to the Joint Commission on Racial Justice with the County of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-142) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION from the DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

The slideshow presentation with notes was distributed to all Council Members.

Mayor Ali thanked Jeff Kolbus, Chair of the Downtown Development Corporation (DDC), and Michael Freilinger, President/CEO of the Downtown Development Corporation for agreeing to update the Council on the progress of the DDC.

Jeff Kolbus said the DDC was established in December of 2013 and described its mission and priorities. He said the focus of the DDC was Downtown Peoria, split into zones: medical, near north, riverfront, central business district, and warehouse districts. He said parking was a key concern and discussed progress on potential solutions. He talked about the benefits of utilizing a private organization when promoting properties, including the ability to purchase, sell, or swap land, and negotiate air rights agreements. He said through the partnership with the City, the DDC can work to achieve the goals of both organizations.

Discussions were held regarding ownership interests and the process for the DDC to develop a location. Michael Freilinger said the success was in bringing interested parties together for mutual benefit.

City Manager Patrick Ulrich discussed legislative incentives currently sought by the City and how the DDC aided in those endeavors.

Discussions were held regarding parking options in the City of Peoria and the 2017 Parking Study was reviewed. Michael Freilinger explained that especially in the Warehouse District, large buildings being converted to multi-family residences were in the most critical need for parking solutions.

Discussions were held regarding the status of previous and current development projects facilitated by the DDC.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file a presentation from the Downtown Development Corporation; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, 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 8, 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 Riggerbach moved to DEFER this item to the June 8, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Motion to DEFER to the June 8, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motorized Bicycles Update

Council Member Grayeb asked Interim Police Chief Douglas Theobald for an update regarding citizen concerns on motorized bicycles. Interim Chief Theobald said the presence of motorized

bicycles was becoming more frequent, and they were both homemade and mass-produced. He said because of the motor size they were not classified as a motor vehicle, so the Motor Vehicle Code did not apply. He said the Council could adopt an Ordinance to address concerns or assign restrictions. Interim Chief Theobald discussed citizen concerns and encouraged the public to call the Police nonemergency number, 309-673-4521, to report dangerous activity. Further discussions were held regarding motor sizes as well as the training of Police Officers in response to motorized bicycles.

Utility Shut-Off Moratorium Update

Council Member Riggerbach asked Assistant Community Development Director Joe Dulin for an update regarding funding and aide programs available for citizens in response to COVID-19, while Governor J.B. Pritzker considered the Utility Moratorium Resolution that was approved at the May 11, 2021, Peoria City Council Meeting. Assistant Director Dulin described different funding and assistance programs that were available for citizens and encouraged the public to call 2-1-1 to ask questions and obtain information about available assistance.

Plan of Operation Update for Tobacco Licenses and Gas Stations

At Council Member Jackson's request, Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson provided an update on the progress of drafting Ordinances to address a Plan of Operation for Tobacco Licensees and Gas Stations. She also discussed the response to a gas station with recent dangerous activities through cooperation with City Staff, Police and the Gas Station Owner.

Memorial Day – Wreaths at the Peoria Riverfront Museum

Council Member Ruckriegel said the 2021 annual Memorial Day ceremony to honor those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom would be at the Peoria Riverfront Museum, and he invited the public to view the memorial wreaths on display.

T. Rex at the Peoria Riverfront Museum

He encouraged the public to check out the new T. Rex – The Ultimate Predator exhibit opening May 29, 2021, at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

Victor Solomon – The Voice Finalist

Council Member Andre Allen recognized Victor Solomon from Peoria, Illinois, a finalist on the singing competition show 'The Voice'. He said it was putting Peoria on the map, and Mayor Ali encouraged the listening audience to vote for Victor.

CityLink Service to Wildlife Prairie Park

Council Member Jensen said starting Memorial Day weekend and running through the 4th of July, CityLink would have a free service on Sundays from the Downtown Transit Center to Wildlife Prairie Park. She encouraged the public to use the free service and said it had the possibility of being extended based on turnout.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Gary Hall, a citizen of Peoria, a Vietnam Veteran, and a member of the American Legion Post #2, described his experience coming back from the war and how Peoria made him feel welcomed home. He talked about the upcoming parade to honor Veterans and he read a poem called 'It Is The Soldier' by Charles M. Province. He commented on the various fees required for hosting a parade in Peoria.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

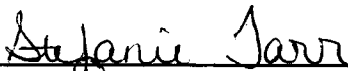
Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.



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

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