

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held July 27, 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, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel (electronic attendance), Velpula, Mayor Ali – 10.
Absent: Oyler – 1.

ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Mayor Ali announced a notice was received by Council Member Ruckriegel in accordance with rules established in Ordinance No. 16,142. She said Council Member Ruckriegel would be deemed authorized to attend the meeting electronically unless a motion objecting to the member's electronic attendance was made, seconded, and approved by two-thirds of the members of the City Council physically present at the meeting. If no such motion was made and seconded, the request by Council Member Ruckriegel to attend electronically would be deemed approved by the City Council and Council Member Ruckriegel would be declared present.

Hearing no objection to the request for an electronic attendance, Council Member Ruckriegel was declared present by Mayor Ali.

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.

**Great Neighbor Appreciation Week
100th Birthday of Elise Allen**

MINUTES

Council Member Allen moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on July 13, 2021, as printed; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,
Mayor Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

(21-211) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

- (21-212) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE the Cost Proposal from EMPOWERING PEOPLE, INSPIRING CAPABILITIES (EP!C), and Award a CONTRACT for \$315,886.39, with an Additional Authorization in Contingency of \$15,794.32 (5%), for a Total Award Amount of \$331,680.71, for the DOWNTOWN TRASH COLLECTION PROJECT (Council District 1); and
 - B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,866 Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of Fund Balance in the Refuse Collection Fund to Increase Contractual Cost as a Result of an Increase in the EP!C Contract in the Amount of \$11,815.00.
- (21-213) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE \$220,000.00 in HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Funds for HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - GREATER PEORIA, for the Construction of Two (2) New, Affordable, Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Homes Located at 600 EAST ILLINOIS AVENUE and EAST ILLINOIS AVENUE (Parcel No. 18-04-277-020) (Council District 3).
- (21-214) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following (Council District 5) (Refer to Item No. 21-148):
- A. APPROVE a Local Agency AGREEMENT for Federal Participation with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT), Requesting 80% ITEP Federal Funding in an Amount Not to Exceed \$191,381.00, for the SIDEWALK INSTALL ITEP GRANT FY 2021, WILLOW KNOLLS ROAD; and,
 - B. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 21-214-B Authorizing the City's Estimated Minimum Local Agency Funding Match in the Amount of \$47,846.00, Subject to the Approval of IDOT, for the SIDEWALK INSTALL ITEP GRANT FY 2021, WILLOW KNOLLS ROAD.
- (21-215) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE the Third Amendment to the Landfill AGREEMENT; and,
 - B. APPROVE the Permanent EASEMENT and License AGREEMENT with ROBERT D. CARMAN GRANTOR TRUST and JUDITH A. CARMAN GRANTOR TRUST.
- (21-216) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 21-216 AUTHORIZING NAMED BANKS to Honor Checks, Drafts, etc., of the City of Peoria., Authorizing the City Treasurer, City Manager, and Finance Director/Comptroller to Accept and Release Securities for Safekeeping Held by a Third Party, and REPEAL Resolution No. 21-119.

- (21-196)
* 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, Related to Amendments to the Permitted Use Table, Related to PERMITTED AND SPECIAL USES.
- (21-217)
** Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE a Substantial AMENDMENT to the 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN for Submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);
 - B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund to Recognize the Receipt of Additional Grant Funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Prevent, Prepare for, or Respond to COVID-19, in the Amount of \$808,791.00.
- (21-218) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,867 Revising CLASS K LIQUOR LICENSES (Catering).
- (21-219) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:
- Roberta Parks (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2024
- (21-220)
*** APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ali to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:
- Alexander Sierra (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022
Catherine Schaidle (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2024
Lee Lang (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022
Karen Wilson (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022
- (21-221) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Makayla Suelter (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2024
- (21-222)
**** APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the EAST VILLAGE GROWTH CELL COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:
- Brian Lovingood (Voting) - Term Expiration N/A
- (21-223) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Jarod Fox (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022

(21-224) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Betty Jane (B.J.) Lawrence (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2024

(21-225) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the FAIR EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Ronald L. Ruffin (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022

(21-226) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:

Latacha Peary (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2022

Brian Uhlenhopp (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2024

(21-227) 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 #74.

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. 21-226 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Riggerbach requested Item No. 21-222 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Grayeb requested Item No. 21-220 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item Nos. 21-196 and 21-217 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 Riggerbach.

Item Nos. 21-196 and 21-211 through 21-227 (excluding Item Nos. 21-196, 21-217, 21-220, 21-222, and 21-226, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(21-196) * 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, Related to Amendments to the Permitted Use Table, Related to PERMITTED AND SPECIAL USES.

Council Member Jensen asked Community Development Director Ross Black if the proposed amendment to the Unified Development Code would affect adherence to environmental regulations relating to new car wash businesses in the City. Director Black said all businesses, including car washes, underwent a required registration process through the City of Peoria and the State of Illinois, ensuring compliance with all regulations, Ordinances and laws.

Council Member Jensen moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, related to amendments to the Permitted Use Table, related to Permitted and Special Uses; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,868 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(21-217) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development
** Director with a Request for the Following:**

- A. APPROVE a Substantial AMENDMENT to the 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN for Submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);**
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund to Recognize the Receipt of Additional Grant Funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Prevent, Prepare for, or Respond to COVID-19, in the Amount of \$808,791.00.**

Council Member Jensen and Community Development Director Ross Black discussed the Public Facility projects outlined in the amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, and the deadline to submit the Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Director Black said the Plan could be amended in the future, should the Council decide to shift focus to other eligible uses. He said applicants for the funds could include nonprofit organizations if they met all the eligibility requirements, including being a Public Facility.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve a substantial amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); seconded by Council Member Velpula.

At Mayor Ali's request, Director Black explained the deadline to use the funds as outlined in the Consolidated Plan was the end of 2022.

Motion to approve a substantial amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Jensen moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2021 Revised Annual Budget relating to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund to recognize the receipt of additional Grant Funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19, in the amount of \$808,791.00; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,869 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-220) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ali to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:

Alexander Sierra (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022
Catherine Schaidle (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2024
Lee Lang (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022
Karen Wilson (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022

Discussions were held regarding the expiration dates of the proposed appointments.

Council Member Grayeb moved to concur with the appointments to the Advisory Committee on Police and Community Relations, as outlined; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-222) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the EAST VILLAGE GROWTH CELL COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:

Brian Lovingood (Voting) - Term Expiration N/A

Council Member Riggerbach said a verification of the proposed appointee's qualifications was needed, and he moved to defer the item to the August 10, 2021, City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Motion to DEFER to the August 10, 2021, City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-226) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:

Latacha Peary (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2022
Brian Uhlenhopp (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2024

A revised Council Communication removing Brian Uhlenhopp from the proposed appointments to the Peoria Housing Authority was distributed to all Council Members.

Discussions were held regarding the reason for the amendment to the item.

Council Member Kelly moved to concur with the appointment of Latacha Peary to the Peoria Housing Authority, as amended; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(21-228) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 18 of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Relating to the Addition of a Licensing Requirement for TIRE BUSINESSES.

Community Development Director Ross Black explained the proposed new licensing for tire businesses was intended to help address tire dumping in the City. He described the potential benefits of the feeless licensing, such as the ability for the City to conduct audits, and how the license would coincide with the State of Illinois requirements.

Discussions were held regarding the identification, communication, and compliance of tire businesses once the new license was approved, as well as concerns regarding administration burdens of the new license on City Staff. The frequency of audits and other tire dumping mitigation measures were also discussed.

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson described the existing consequences for tire dumping and said the consideration of criminal charges would require discussion with the Illinois Attorney General.

City Manager Urich provided an overview of the impact the implementation and administration of the new license would have on Staff in multiple departments of the City of Peoria. Council Member Jensen requested a Report Back detailing the effect on City Staff, the possibility of implementing a fee to cover administrative costs, and how many businesses in the City the license would affect.

Further discussions were held regarding management requirements of the new license and additional tire dumping mitigation strategy funding.

Council Member Kelly moved to receive and file a first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria, relating to the addition of a licensing requirement for tire businesses; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 21-228 will be placed on the August 10, 2021, Regular City Council Agenda

(21-229) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 27 (Taxation), ARTICLE XII (Motor Fuel Tax) of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION of Said Ordinance.

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson said the proposed Ordinance was a result of Council's request for additional options for gas stations for violations of various City Ordinances. She said such penalties could include a suspension or revocation of their liquor, tobacco, or other business licenses.

Council Member Grayeb said he believed the additional options this Ordinance would provide regarding penalties for Ordinance and law violations would authorize the City to ensure business owners uphold their responsibilities to the community.

Council Member Jensen moved to receive and file a first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 27 (Taxation), Article XII (Motor Fuel Tax) of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to penalties for violation of said Ordinance; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 21-229 will be placed on the August 10, 2021, Regular City Council Agenda

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(21-230) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Economic Development with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION from the GREATER PEORIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Mayor Ali welcomed Chris Setti, CEO of the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council (GPEDC) and thanked him for presenting to the Council.

Mr. Setti described the GPEDC mission and the importance of organizations working together to achieve progress in the region. He discussed collaborative events where representatives from many organizations contributed thoughts, ideas and goals to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). He said it was a 5-year plan that continuously evolved to match a dynamic and complex approach to improving economic development in the region. He discussed many facets of CEDS, including marketing, workforce, partnerships, infrastructure and diversification. He concluded the presentation by reiterating the importance of regional cooperation and he invited Council Members and citizens to review the CEDS document at data.greaterpeoria.us/ceds.

Mayor Ali recognized efforts regarding the process and creation of CEDS and discussed how the document was a foundation for progress in the region.

Discussions were held regarding ongoing and previous endeavors of the GPEDC to grow local businesses and how medical opportunities like biomanufacturing were an increasing focus. The emphasis on training the local workforce for skilled careers in areas of growth and the difficulty regarding citizen availability and financial constraints for training were also discussed.

In response to Council Member Cyr's question, Mr. Setti explained the GPEDC was funded through multiple sources including public and private investors, partners, and fundraising efforts. He said regional governments benefited in other ways such as economic growth, including representation of the region at a State and Federal level, and having a Council that encouraged collaboration between all organizations in the area.

Mayor Ali said the GPEDC was an extension of the City of Peoria Economic Development Department and discussed successes in their collaboration. City Manager Patrick Urich said the relationship between the City of Peoria and the GPEDC was vital and reiterated the importance of a regional approach to economic development and stabilization efforts.

Mr. Setti said he would provide the CEDS document and the presentation to the Council, but said all the information was available on their website at data.greaterpeoria.us.

Council Member Kelly moved to receive and file a presentation from the Greater Peoria Economic Development Corporation; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-231) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:

- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the Central Business District TIF Fund Balance to Reimburse OSF HEALTHCARE SYSTEM and 124 ADAMS PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC up to \$1.25 Million for Public Improvements to the Corners of FULTON STREET, and ADAMS STREET, and WASHINGTON STREET; and,**
- B. APPROVE the FIRST AMENDMENT to the REVISED REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT and PARKING DECK LEASE with OSF HEALTHCARE SYSTEM and 124 SW ADAMS PROPERTY HOLDING, LLC.**

Illinois State Representative Ryan Spain arrived at 7:40 P.M.

City Manager Patrick Urich summarized a construction project by the City's largest employer, OSF Healthcare, and the overlap of their Redevelopment Agreement with budgeted street improvements that resulted in an accelerated timeline to complete the scheduled modifications through the OSF contractor. He said the City needed to reimburse OSF for their portion of the work completed. He thanked Illinois State Representative Ryan Spain, the Vice President of Economic Development at OSF Healthcare, for attending the meeting.

Discussions were held regarding the Central Business District TIF would end in two years, the amount of funds that would remain in the TIF, and the TIF fund's intended use. The One Technology Plaza Parking Structure Agreement terms was also discussed.

In response to Council Member Cyr's question, City Manager Urich said the MFT funds originally budgeted for the project could be used for other projects, noting the TIF funds' intended use was public infrastructure developments.

Council Member Riggerbach thanked OSF Healthcare for investing in downtown Peoria, and he described the benefits the new headquarters would bring to the community. Further discussions were held regarding the terms of the Redevelopment Agreement and the cost of the street improvements. City Manager Ulrich said the TIF funds were unobligated, and he described the upcoming changes to the TIF in regard to its expiration.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2021 Revised Annual Budget relating to the use of the Central Business District TIF Fund balance to reimburse OSF Healthcare System and 124 Adams Property Holdings, LLC up to \$1.25 million for public improvements to the corners of Fulton Street, and Adams Street, and Washington Street; seconded by Council Member Jackson.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,870 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Kelly moved to approve the First Amendment to the revised Redevelopment Agreement and Parking Deck Lease with OSF Healthcare System and 124 SW Adams Property Holding, LLC; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Illinois State Representative Ryan Spain left Council Chambers at 7:53 P.M.

(21-232) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 3 of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Regarding CATERING ORGANIZATIONS.

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson said a local mobile bar owner requested City Staff to consider amending the Liquor Code to allow service within the City of Peoria, noting other local business owners voiced interest since then. She said Legal Staff studied other municipality's Liquor Codes as examples, and the Liquor Commission agreed to support the Code amendment with stipulations. Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said the proprietor would be required to obtain a Liquor License from the City Clerk's Office with the requirement to notify the Clerk's Office at least 10 days prior to each event.

Discussions were held regarding examples of mobile bars, how the rules compared to Caterers and Food Truck Operators including fees, parking, and barrier requirements, as well as licensing and enforcement authority.

Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson explained the differences of the current item and Item No. 21-218, Ordinance No. 17,867, revising Class K Liquor Licenses (Catering), approved on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Kelly moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria, regarding catering organizations; seconded by Council Member Allen.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,871 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-233) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION with a Request to Concur:

Council Member Jackson (Voting) – Term Expiration 4/30/2023

Mayor Ali said the appointment of Council Member Jackson was intended to fill the vacancy from a former Council Member.

Council Member Jensen moved to concur with the appointment of Council Member Jackson to the Downtown Development Corporation; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,
Mayor Ali - 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Jackson – 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: Council Member Jackson abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

(21-234) Communication from the City Manager and Peoria Fire Chief with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a REPORT Regarding the Use of the WATER RESCUE TEAM Since 2018.

Fire Chief James Bachman described the Fire Department Water Rescue Team's mission and summarized the training and certifications required. He said the Fire Department only charged a fee for nonresident boat towing and described events from 2018 to present involving the Water Rescue Team as outlined in the report.

At Council Member Grayeb's request, Chief Bachman explained the Report was a result of Council inquiries regarding potential shared financial responsibilities with municipalities sharing riverfront property with the City of Peoria related to Water Rescue activities. He confirmed most aid provided by the Fire Department Water Rescue Team was to Peoria residents.

Discussions were held regarding other water rescue entities in the region, including Fond du Lac Park Police & Safety, Chillicothe Community Fire Protection District, and the East Peoria Illinois Coast Guard, as well as their jurisdictions, responsibilities, and collaboration histories.

Council Member Kelly moved receive and file a Report regarding the use of the Water Rescue Team since 2018; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Further discussions were held regarding the training and certifications involved in Water Rescue and the dangers of diving into the river. Discussions were held regarding recent and upcoming Fire Department Staff retirements and the financial resources required for training new recruits and existing Firefighters with partial certifications.

Motion to receive and file a Report regarding the use of the Water Rescue Team since 2018 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-235) Communication from the City Manager, Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended June 30, 2021 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

Finance Director Jim Scroggins said he was pleased to review one of the best financial reports in recent years at his final Council Meeting before retiring at the end of the month. He said he included both the balance sheets and the fund balance changes in the Report for comparison. He discussed General Fund reserves at the end of 2020 and the 2021 revenue tracking, both with and without the American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. He explained how sales trends and other factors benefitted the overall 2021 tax revenues, despite the hotel tax revenues trailing in the COVID-19 recovery process. Director Scroggins concluded by reviewing the January through June 2021 expenditure trends and how capital funds spending would increase over the next few months for construction projects during fair weather.

Mayor Ali thanked Director Scroggins for his years of service to the City of Peoria.

Council Member Kelly moved receive and file the month ended June 30, 2021 Unaudited Financial Report; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(21-202) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the LOW BID of KNAPP CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, INC. in the Amount of \$424,583.99, and Award a CONTRACT for the NEBRASKA CORRIDOR UPGRADE, with an Additional Authorization of \$42,416.01 (10%) for Contingencies, for a Total Contract Award of \$467,000.00. (Council District 3)

Council Member Jackson reviewed discussions regarding this item with Public Works Director Rick Powers and City Manager Patrick Urich since the July 13, 2021, City Council Meeting, about the new contractor's diversity hiring efforts and plan.

Council Member Jackson moved to approve the low bid of Knapp Concrete Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$424,583.99, and award a Contract for the Nebraska Corridor Upgrade, with an additional authorization of \$42,416.01 (10%) for contingencies, for a total contract award of \$467,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Riggerbach thanked Council Members and City Staff for support in moving this project forward and he described the impact it had on citizens and local businesses.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Ruckriegel left the Council Meeting at 8:30 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

City Council Meeting Special Guests

Mayor Ali recognized Trustee Alexander Sierra of the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees, and Eric Echevarria, City of Peoria's new Police Chief to be sworn in on Friday, July 30, 2021, who were both in attendance.

Youth Sports Camps

Council Member Allen recognized two Peoria natives who held youth sports camps recently, including the following: NBA Champion Shaun Livingston's Annual Basketball Camp and Pittsburgh Steelers Kendrick Green's Football Camp. He thanked them for supporting their hometown community and sharing their talents with the next generation.

The Basketball Tournament (TBT) at the Peoria Civic Center

Council Member Allen recognized the Always a Brave Bradley Alumni Basketball Team who played in The Basketball Tournament (TBT) at the Peoria Civic Center. He said the winner of the tournament would win one million dollars and he invited citizens to attend upcoming games. He said it was a great event to revitalize tourism, stating he was proud it was held in Peoria.

Dream Center Peoria – Backpack Peoria

Council Member Allen invited students and parents to Backpack Peoria on Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 9:00-12:00 P.M. at Dream Center Peoria, at 714 Hamilton Blvd, where students would be provided with school supplies, mental and physical health services, COVID-19 vaccinations, uniform gift cards, and other resources.

National Night Out Against Crime

Council Member Jackson said Tuesday, August 3, 2021, was National Night Out, stating many local organizations would be holding events and participating in the community-building campaign. More information can be found at natw.org.

First District Tours

Council Member Jackson invited the citizens of Peoria to attend First District neighborhood tours each Saturday from August 7 through September 25, 2021. She said they would shine a light on the poverty and obstacles present in the First District as well as positive efforts being made by the community. She said she hoped it would help build long-lasting relationships across social and economic lines, initiating valuable steps to build a greater Peoria.

Nebraska Corridor Upgrade (21-202)

Council Member Riggerbach thanked the Council for approving the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Funds for Habitat for Humanity – Greater Peoria, for the construction of two homes on East Illinois Avenue (Item No. 21-213 approved on the Consent Agenda). He said the great work Habitat for Humanity did in neighborhoods made a powerful impact, and he said he was excited to watch the projects progress in the East Bluff.

City Staff Retirements

Council Member Riggerbach acknowledged City employees who had recently or would soon retire, many utilizing the Early Retirement Incentive. He remarked on the institutional knowledge and service to the City that would be missed. He highlighted the efforts of Staff working diligently through the transitions, and he said the Council would work to empower them in their duties. Council Member Cyr echoed Council Member Riggerbach's congratulations to City Staff who were retiring and said their expertise over the years he was on the Council was invaluable.

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.

Lavetta Ricca, a Peoria citizen and President of the Old Towne South Neighborhood Association, thanked Community Development Director Ross Black, who would be retiring on July 30, 2021, for everything he had done for her neighborhood and her City. She described multiple events and meetings they both attended, saying he always put forth his best work and wished him a wonderful retirement. She described the new Fire House being constructed on the corner of Western Avenue and Howett Street, and how wonderful it was to see new construction on the Southside. She said she had always appreciated the Peoria Firefighters and looked forward to them moving into the new facility once completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

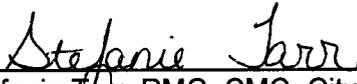
Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Riggerbach, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 9;

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 P.M.



Stefanie Tarr, RMC, CMC, City Clerk
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