



**: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held on February 22, 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, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel (arrived at 6:30 P.M.), Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11. Absent: None.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING NOTICE TO TOWNSHIP ELECTORS**

Mayor Ali announced, pursuant to Public Act 095-0761, any citizen that desired to have an item considered on the agenda at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., they were required to bring a specific request signed by fifteen or more electors to the Clerk no later than Tuesday, March 1, 2022. She continued by saying any group of registered voters may request an advisory question of public policy for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting by giving written notice of the specific advisory question to the Township Clerk in the same manner as required for an agenda item under subsection (b) of Section 30-10 of the Township Code.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

Black History Month  
National Peace Corps Week

**MINUTES**

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on February 8, 2022, as printed; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA****PUBLIC HEARINGS****(22-057) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposal to Consider and Approve a Business District Designation and Business District Redevelopment Plan, for the Proposed PEORIA KELLER STATION BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposal to consider and approve a Business District designation and Business District Redevelopment Plan, for the proposed Peoria Keller Station Business Development District, seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ali opened the public hearing at 6:12 P.M.

Herbert J. Klein, an attorney with Jacob & Klein, Ltd., said he was tasked with the evaluation of the Keller Station Redevelopment Plan, and he explained why it qualified for the Business District designation. He explained how the additional tax would create funds to redevelop the buildings.

James Reed, a citizen of Peoria, expressed an interest to work with the Economic Development Department.

Following a third call for comments from the public, Mayor Ali determined no one else wished to speak, and she requested the Public Hearing be closed.

Council Member Jackson moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the proposal to consider and approve a Business District designation and Business District Redevelopment Plan, for the proposed Peoria Keller Station Business Development District, seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ali closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 P.M.

**FIRST READINGS****(22-058) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to RECEIVE AND FILE a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 2 (Administration), ARTICLE V (Officers and Employees), DIVISION 7 (Public Safety Benefits), SECTION 2-350 (Public Safety Benefits Act) of the CODE of the City of Peoria.**

Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka reviewed previous revisions the City made to the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA) providing for the definition of catastrophic injury not defined in the PSEBA Illinois State Statute. She said the Illinois Supreme Court determined it was beyond cities' home rule authority to provide that definition, and the Ordinance provided eliminated that definition from the Code. She said the draft Ordinance was sent to the Peoria Firefighters Local 50 for review, and she noted there could be changes to the final Ordinance based on their recommendations.

Since this item had considerable litigation, Council Member Grayeb asked Staff to consult with the Police and Fire Bargaining Units before receiving and filing the proposed Ordinance, and he asked if deferral would be appropriate.

Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka acknowledged the importance of consulting with the Police and Fire Bargaining Units and said more information would be presented to the Council in Closed Session.

Council Member Riggerbach inquired as to the process of a receive and file of the first reading; and Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka recommended the Council receive and file the Ordinance to proceed with compliance to the Court's decision.

After noting a motion to receive and file was not final action, Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file a First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 (Administration), Article V (Officers and Employees), Division 7 (Public Safety Benefits), Section 2-350 (Public Safety Benefits Act) of the Code of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Council Member Jensen said more than two weeks may be needed in order to prepare a final draft of the Ordinance, stating she was supportive of a deferral. She said she would not support the motion on the floor.

Motion to receive and file was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Jensen – 1.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 22-058 will be placed on the March 8, 2022, Regular City Council Agenda*

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

- (22-059) \* **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 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, for an ADULT USE CANNABIS DISPENSARY, for the Property Located at 4600 N. BRANDYWINE DRIVE (Parcel Identification No. 14-19-403-006), Peoria, IL. (Council District 4)**
- (22-060) **Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**

- (22-061) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:**  
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- A. **APPROVE the LOW BID of ILLINOIS CIVIL CONTRACTORS, INC., in the Amount of \$3,627,117.07, for the COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW CONTROL PROJECT – YEAR 1.**
  - B. **EXECUTE the Notice of Intent to Award, in the Amount of \$3,627,117.07, Contingent Upon Award of the IEPA Loan for the COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW CONTROL PROJECT – YEAR 1.**
- (22-055) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,949 Approving the WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS POLICY.**
- (22-062) **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. 17,950 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a SHORT-TERM RENTAL for the Property Located at 307 E. MAYWOOD AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 14-33-205-016), Peoria, IL. (Council District 3)**
- (22-063) **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. 17,951 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a SHORT-TERM RENTAL, for the Property Located at 3226 N. CALIFORNIA AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 14-28-476-005), Peoria, IL. (Council District 3)**
- (22-064) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,952 Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to MANUFACTURED/MODULAR BUILDING SALES.**
- (22-065) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class K (Rental Hall) Liquor License, with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol for STAGED EVENTS, LLC, D/B/A STAGED EVENTS, 3300 W. WILLOW KNOLLS, Subject to Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**
- (22-066) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B-1 (Restaurant, 25% Food) Liquor License, with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol, for PACK BARS, LLC, D/B/A JACK'S ON ADAMS, 107 SW ADAMS STREET, Contingent Upon the Issuance of all Appropriate Permits and a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)**

**(22-067)**      **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to RECEIVE AND FILE a REPORT about Non-Owner Occupied Registration.**  
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**(22-068)**      **APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) from the FEBRUARY 1, 2022, Special City Council Meeting, Regarding REDISTRICTING COUNCIL DISTRICTS.**

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. 22-067 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Allen requested Item No. 22-059 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 22-061 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 22-055, and 22-059 through 22-068 (except Item Nos. 22-059, 22-061, and 22-067, 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, Velpula,  
Mayor Ali - 10;

Nays: None.

Council Member Ruckriegel arrived at 6:30 P.M.

**(22-059)**      **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 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, for an ADULT USE CANNABIS DISPENSARY, for the Property Located at 4600 N. BRANDYWINE DRIVE (Parcel Identification No. 14-19-403-006), Peoria, IL. (Council District 4)**  
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Council Member Allen asked how State of Illinois Social Equity Cannabis Dispensary applications were different. Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka explained how Social Equity applicants differed, including the requirement of 51% or more ownership or control of the company by an individual who lived in a disproportionately impacted area for the last five years. She said benefits for Social Equity applicants included a reduced State Cannabis License fee, the elimination of the 1,500 feet minimum distance from another Cannabis retail establishment requirement, and the additional time allowance for the applicant to identify a storefront location.

Council Member Allen thanked Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka for her explanation, noting this was the first Social Equity Cannabis Dispensary application in the City. He asked Corporation Counsel to bring back an Ordinance adding language to the Cannabis Dispensary Ordinance to provide for social equity applicants.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Allen moved to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class C-1 District, for an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary, for the property located at 4600 N. Brandywine Drive; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Council Member Jensen expressed concern with this Special Use application and its location as it related to other cannabis dispensaries. She said Council relied on the minimum distance requirements and other qualifications provided for in the State law; however, she said that law had been changed. She said the City needed to add requirements to its Cannabis Dispensary Ordinance to protect areas from an inundation of dispensaries. For the reasons outlined, she said she would not support this item.

Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka said this Ordinance was for a Special Use permit, which was different than a licensing permit. Noting there were two separate processes for a cannabis dispensary, she said cannabis dispensaries were subject to both a Special Use process and a Licensing process. She said in 2017 the Council did not want to put a cap on licenses at the time; however, she recommended Council could change the licensing process by adding a cap to that Ordinance.

Council Member Riggerbach expressed his appreciation to Council Member Allen for his due diligence on this item. He said the licensing process for cannabis dispensaries was still evolving, and he noted these businesses were some of the safest places in the City. He said with additional licenses being made available, it would be prudent for the Council to review the licensing process and revise conditions as the industry evolved. At the conclusion of his comments, he said he would support this item.

Continued discussions were held regarding the long-term strategy for Cannabis Dispensaries in the City of Peoria to ensure a safe environment for business growth and citizen experience. Council Member Allen clarified this item was an application for a Special Use as part of the Zoning process for Cannabis Dispensaries in the City, noting the application for the Cannabis Dispensary License was separate.

Discussions were held regarding pending litigation at the Illinois Supreme Court regarding Social Equity Cannabis License application lotteries, and how the decision might affect pending or existing applications. Assistant Director of Community Development Leah Allison said when a Special Use was approved and the applicant did not establish the business within two years, the permit would become void.

Continued discussions were held regarding the history of the Council's discussions and decisions regarding Cannabis Dispensaries, the long-term goals of Cannabis Dispensaries in the City, and the two existing Recreational Cannabis Dispensary Licenses in Peoria.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,953 approving a Special Use in a Class C-1 District, for an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary, for the property located at 4600 N. Brandywine Drive was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Cyr, Jensen – 2.

**(22-061)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:**  
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- A. APPROVE the LOW BID of ILLINOIS CIVIL CONTRACTORS, INC., in the Amount of \$3,627,117.07, for the COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW CONTROL PROJECT – YEAR 1.**
- B. EXECUTE the Notice of Intent to Award, in the Amount of \$3,627,117.07, Contingent Upon Award of the IEPA Loan for the COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW CONTROL PROJECT – YEAR 1.**

Council Member Jensen asked which projects were included in the Combined Sewer Overflow Project – Year 1. Public Works Director Rick Powers said a large number of projects were included that focused on drainage concerns within the boundaries of the provided map. He said he would provide the Council with a detailed list of the projects scheduled for the first year.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the low Bid of Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$3,627,117.07, for the Combined Sewer Overflow Control Project – Year 1; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Jensen moved to execute the Notice of Intent to Award, in the amount of \$3,627,117.07, contingent upon award of the IEPA Loan for the Combined Sewer Overflow Control Project – Year 1; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(22-067)**      **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to RECEIVE AND FILE a REPORT about Non-Owner Occupied Registration.**  
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Council Member Kelly said he had requested information on how the Landlord Registration Program affected the state of substandard rental housing in Peoria since its inception, stating the Report did not provide that information. He said he would not make a motion on this item and he asked City Manager Urich to provide the information he requested at the next City Council Meeting. He said he was concerned about substandard housing in Peoria, and he was considering action to present to the Council at a subsequent Meeting to address them.

Council Member Riggenbach acknowledged the efforts of Staff to provide the Report revealing how the Non-Owner Occupied Registration funds were spent. He said the program was a valuable tool that allowed City Staff to communicate with landlords. He recognized the Report was not what Council Member Kelly had requested, but he noted it was valuable.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to receive and file a report about Non-Owner Occupied Registration; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Council Member Jensen reviewed the history of the Non-Owner Occupied Registration Program, commenting how it originally included regular inspections of rental properties. She said there was a lawsuit in the late 1990s based on the original Ordinance from 1995. She said the brief from that time would have provided the information Council Member Kelly was seeking and would provide a good starting point for the information being sought.

Community Development Director Joe Dulin described the history of the program, including budget cuts over the years that impacted routine inspections. He remarked on the difficulties of tying in housing conditions to the efforts of the Code Enforcement Department. He said data showed violations occurred more in non-owner occupied properties versus owner-occupied properties. He said the program was a very valuable tool for not only the Community Development Department, but also the Fire Department, Police Department, and other Staff when addressing citizen concerns and communicating with landlords.

Council Member Kelly said he appreciated the efforts of the Community Development Department and said he learned a lot from what was provided, but he noted it was not the information he requested. He said he would not support the motion to receive and file the Report.

Motion to receive and file a report about Non-Owner Occupied Registration was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 9;

Nays: Kelly, Oyler – 2.

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

**(22-069) Communication from the City Manager and Economic Development Department with a Request to APPROVE Revisions to the JOBS TRAINING PROGRAM.**

City Manager Ulrich said the proposed expansion of the program was funded through American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds focused on resources for job training.

Senior Economic Engagement Specialist Kevin Evans said Staff was collaborating with existing job training programs in the City to expand the benefits they offered and to improve citizen access to the programs. He said the program had been funded through Tax Increment Financing (TIF) proceeds but leveraging ARP funding allowed for the expansion of those benefits as well as the programs reach, including along the qualified census tracts. He discussed efforts to identify the skills needed to provide the best opportunity for placement and promote business growth in Peoria.

Council Member Cyr asked how the City tracked success of the programs and to stay accountable to the taxpayers. Specialist Evans said the programs were based on needs of the community, noting negotiations were ongoing to determine the number of participants in the programs and identifying those falling with the criteria from the 2020 Census. He said the programs would submit quarterly reports with specified metrics included.

In response to Mayor Ali regarding reimbursement requirements, Specialist Evans said the sample agreement included with the item was built around a set of needs and not reimbursements.



Council Member Kelly said placement should be part of the performance matrix, which should be the ultimate goal. He asked for a metric to measure successful job placements to be included in reports provided to the City.

Council Member Grayeb inquired about the listed programs in the item and how much they were being awarded. Specialist Evans said the item did not identify the programs or their allotments, noting the programs listed with the item were examples of past programs that were funded through TIFs.

City Manager Ulrich said this item was to approve revisions to the Jobs Training Program, stating agreements with job training providers would be brought to the Council for approval at a subsequent City Council Meeting. He clarified this item would set aside the ARP Funds, not approve contracts.

Council Member Ruckriegel inquired whether the grantees would be creating new job positions, noting this was new money being provided, and Specialist Evans said that was the intent. He said conversations were held regarding job expansion.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Council Member Jensen moved to approve revisions to the Jobs Training Program, seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(22-070) 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 Amending Special Use Ordinance No. 14,789 in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center to Add TEXTILE MANUFACTURING, for the Property Located at 2323 W. PIONEER PARKWAY, 2311 W. PIONEER PARKWAY, 2327 W. PIONEER PARKWAY, and 2401 W. PIONEER PARKWAY (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-06-451-006, 14-06-451-007, 14-06-451-008, 14-06-451-009, 14-06-451-011, 14-06-451-012, 14-06-451-016, 14-06-451-017), Peoria, IL.**

Community Development Director Joe Dulin reviewed the history of the location, it's vacancy, and the need for remediation. He said a special Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting was held for this Special Use application that resulted in a unanimous recommendation to the Council for approval.

Council Member Cyr said Natural Fiber Welding (NFW) was in good company in the Fifth District. He said they were a start-up company that had grown quickly, and he asked for privilege of the floor for Matt Nelson to provide comments.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ali granted privilege of the floor to Matt Nelson to speak on this item.

Matt Nelson, Director of Engineering at Natural Fiber Welding, thanked the Mayor, the Council, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and Staff for their efforts on behalf of NFW's endeavors. He said NFW had created over 200 jobs in Peoria, and they were pursuing expansion in operations with their yarn technology. He said they were proud to have roots in Peoria, noting it was a resourceful and hard-working community.

Council Member Allen expressed his appreciation for NFW investing in Peoria and repurposing the old Shopko building. He said NFW demonstrated that it does "Play in Peoria."

Council Member Velpula thanked NFW for creating jobs and rebuilding confidence in Peoria, as well as supporting the local economy.

Council Member Grayeb asked if approving this Special Use would create opportunity for additional factories to locate to Pioneer Parkway. Assistant Director of Community Development Leah Allison reviewed the Special Use process, noting it was on a case by case basis. She said approving this item would not change the original condition of the shopping center, stating everything was contained in the building and would not interfere with future uses.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Special Use Ordinance No. 14,789 in a Class C-2 District, for a shopping center to add Textile Manufacturing, for the property located at 2323 W. Pioneer Parkway, 2311 W. Pioneer Parkway, 2327 W. Pioneer Parkway, and 2401 W. Pioneer Parkway; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,954 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(22-071) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class C-1 (Packaged Goods) Liquor License, with Retail Sale of Alcohol, for N AND OUT MARKET, LLC, D/B/A N AND OUT MARKET, 304 SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE, Contingent Upon Compliance with all Community Development Sign Regulations, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)**

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Kapustka reviewed the Site Application for N and Out Market, and said it was narrowly approved, with a vote of 3 Yeas, 2 Nays, by the Liquor Commission. She asked Liquor Investigator Kevin Slavens to discuss the Police Department's recommendation for the location.

Investigator Slavens summarized the Police Department's position and why they recommended denying the Site Application. He said the Site Application process solely focused on the proposed location for the retail sale or consumption of alcohol, stating it did not take the applicant's personal information into consideration. He discussed the higher level of Police activity and calls in the area compared to other parts of the City and the proximity to businesses with retail liquor licenses.

Council Member Jackson said she met with the applicants and said she appreciated their goals and efforts in the First District. She said she would not support this item because of the long-term goals to bring Western Avenue back as a business district. She said they were trying to look into the future as they tried to redevelop the area.

Council Member Jackson moved to DENY the Site Application for a Class C-1 (Packaged Goods) Liquor License, with retail sale of alcohol, for N and Out Market, LLC, d/b/a N and Out Market, 304 South Western Avenue, contingent upon compliance with all Community Development sign regulations; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Motion to DENY was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Allen – 1.

**(22-072) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class C-1 (Packaged Goods) Liquor License, with Retail Sale of Alcohol, for TNT TIRES & AUTO, INC., D/B/A TNT OUTLET, 2203 SW JEFFERSON AVENUE, Contingent Upon Compliance with Community Development Department Sign Regulations, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Jackson moved to DENY the Site Application for a Class C-1 (Packaged Goods) Liquor License, with retail sale of alcohol, for TNT Tires & Auto, Inc., d/b/a TNT Outlet, 2203 SW Jefferson Avenue, contingent upon compliance with Community Development Department sign regulations; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Liquor Investigator Kevin Slavens cited similar objections for the Site Application for 2203 SW Jefferson Avenue as for 304 S. Western Avenue. He noted once Site Applications were approved, they were difficult for the City to revoke as a result of issues.

Discussions were held regarding metrics used to construct the Police Department recommendations for Liquor License Site Applications.

Council Member Allen said he would not support the motion to deny the Site Application. He said he appreciated the Police Department investigation results and the long-term goals of the First District, but he said he believed in fostering business growth in the community.

Motion to DENY was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Allen – 1.

**(22-073) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Establishing the Attached Map as the NEW CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.**

City Manager Patrick Ulrich said Redistricting Map Version 2.3 was being presented for approval after the Council's unanimous direction at the February 1, 2022, Special City Council Meeting.

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Kapustka said information was provided to the Council earlier that day regarding when the new District Maps became effective. She said in June 2012, the Council adopted the new District Map with an effective date of October 1, 2012. She said researching Illinois State statutes proved inconclusive because of the Consent Decree. She reviewed the statutes and recommended an effective date in August 2022, or at the very latest, October 1, 2022. She said she recommended an effective date of several months after the adoption date to allow time for transition and communication to constituents.

Mayor Ali summarized population shifts in the City, reflected in the 2020 Census results as a trend northward, and she said every ten years the Districts had to be balanced to reflect changes. She reviewed the 2022 Redistricting process, including Council discussions and criteria required for the Districts. She said Version 2.3 met all the requirements and Council recommendations as much as possible.

Council Member Oyler moved to adopt an Ordinance establishing the attached map, Version 2.3, as the new City Council District Boundaries, with an effective date of May 1, 2022; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Jensen said she would not support the motion, noting it was a significant decision that occurred once every ten years and the Council should allow more time to consider options and citizen input. She said the Districts in Version 2.3 were not compact, and if it was approved it could be detrimental to older neighborhoods by reducing Council representation. She said the Council needed diverse representation and Version 2.3 would dilute the power of older neighborhoods. She asked the Council to consider allowing for more time to continue discussions and incorporate more public input to develop a better Redistricting Map.

Council Member Allen acknowledged the difficulty for District Council Members to shift their focus from constituents in areas that elected them, but he said it was important to maintain a citywide perspective during the Redistricting process.

Council Member Kelly said the Redistricting process was open to the public and the Council unanimously voted to proceed with Version 2.3. He said the Redistricting Meeting schedule was a tentative plan, and because the Council came to a consensus quickly, the other meetings were cancelled. He asked if the Attorney General should be consulted regarding Peoria's Consent Decree as it related to the effective date of a new District Map, and Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka said she did not believe the Attorney General would provide an opinion. She said their recommendation to approve an effective date soon was to accommodate election regulations, such as candidates living in effective boundaries for at least one year and providing incumbents with an opportunity to work with constituents prior to the election.

Council Member Jackson asked the Council to consider the concerns of citizens and input regarding the Redistricting process and Version 2.3, and she asked the Council not to rush to a decision.

Continued discussions were held regarding the City's population changes resulting in the Redistricting efforts after the 2020 Census. Council Member Riggerbach said Version 2.3 was a great map that considered not only the Redistricting requirements, but Council's recommendations as well. He said he would support Version 2.3 with the May 1, 2022, effective date, and he encouraged the Council to do the same.

Council Member Oyler said the May 1, 2022, effective date for Version 2.3 map would allow time for the changes to be communicated. He said additional time would not benefit the process.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,955 establishing the attached map, Version 2.3, as the new City Council District Boundaries, with an effective date of May 1, 2022, was adopted, as amended, by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 9;  
Nays: Jackson, Jensen – 2.

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

It was determined there was no Unfinished Business at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Non-Profit Capital Program**

Council Member Riggerbach announced a Non-Profit Capital Program was available through the Community Development Department that provided American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for capital improvements for non-profit programs. He said the deadline to submit an application was March 18, 2022, and to email [grants@peoriagov.org](mailto:grants@peoriagov.org) or go to [www.peoriagov.org/community-development/neighborhood-development-division](http://www.peoriagov.org/community-development/neighborhood-development-division) for more information.

**Police Department Efforts**

Council Member Grayeb said the Peoria Police Department was working diligently to control gun violence, making it easier for citizens to feel safe in their communities.

**Peoria CARES**

Council Member Grayeb said street-buckling and potholes were a big problem this time of year due to the freeze and thaw cycle of weather in Central Illinois. He encouraged constituents to report road hazards to Peoria CARES by calling 309-494-CARE (2273) or through the mobile app so the Public Works Department could address them.

**Federal Hard Infrastructure Bill**

Council Member Grayeb asked about guidelines regarding the Federal Hard Infrastructure Bill funds so the Council could consider how to address concerns in Peoria.

City Manager Patrick Urich said the guidelines regarding the distribution of funds from the Hard Infrastructure Bill had not been released. He said the City was drafting a grant application for the RAISE Grant, and noted the City researched all avenues for funding availability.

Discussions were held regarding traditional and potential fund allocation mechanisms and how the funds from the Hard Infrastructure Bill could be applied.

**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.

City Clerk Stefanie Tarr read the following comments into the record:

Terry Kohlbuss, President of the League of Women Voters of Greater Peoria (LWVGP), expressed the importance of the Redistricting process for Peoria's future. She discussed concerns raised by the LWVGP Board of Directors, including cancelled Special City Council Meetings regarding Redistricting, and Map Version 2.3 not adequately meeting the criteria.

### ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body; 2(c)(5), the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings, held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; 2(c)(6), the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; 2(c)(11), litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; and 2(c)(2), collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.**

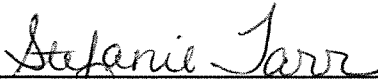
Council Member Cyr moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body; 2(c)(5), the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings, held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; 2(c)(6), the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; 2(c)(11), litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; and 2(c)(2), collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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

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