

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

A Special Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held February 1, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. by electronic means through Zoom, with Mayor Ali presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were present electronically: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 11. Absent: None.

Others present electronically were: City Manager Patrick Urich, Assistant City Manager Kimberly Richardson, Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Kapustka, City Clerk Stefanie Tarr, Deputy Clerk Courtney Coe, Network Administrator Paul Peterson, Community Development Director Joe Dulin, Senior Planner Josh Naven, Assistant Community Development Director Leah Allison, and interested citizens.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Mayor Ali said Governor Pritzker's current disaster proclamation was in effect until February 6, 2022, and public meetings may be held remotely in accordance with Public Act 101-0640. She said public bodies must take steps to provide video, audio, or telephonic access to public meetings, and the City of Peoria was conducting this Special City Council Meeting via Zoom while complying with the Open Meetings Act. She said members of the public and media are invited to watch live through the City of Peoria's YouTube page and any submissions for public comment would be read by the City Clerk at the end of the meeting. She said the agenda, minutes and video podcast of the meeting would be available online through the City and County's website.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA****(22-042) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**

Council Member Jackson moved to approve the Declaration of Local State of Emergency; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.



**POLICY SESSION****(22-015) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to hold a POLICY SESSION on REDISTRICTING COUNCIL DISTRICTS.**

Council Member Kelly moved to open the Policy Session regarding Redistricting Council Districts; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ali opened the Policy Session at 6:06 P.M.

The Policy Session regarding Redistricting Council Districts was held.

Council Member Velpula moved to close the Policy Session regarding Redistricting Council Districts; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ali closed the Policy Session at 6:48 P.M.

**Winter Storm Update and City Parking Ban**

City Manager Patrick Urich described the imminent winter storm forecasted to deliver 8" to 14" of snow over the next couple of days. He said a parking ban was put in place starting at 6:00 P.M. February 1, 2022, through 6:00 P.M. Thursday, February 3, 2022, stating all vehicles should be removed from the streets to allow for emergency responders and Public Works Staff to work. He reviewed parking decks and lots that were available for parking free of charge during the ban and he encouraged citizens to use them. He said vehicles could potentially be ticketed or towed if they were in violation of the parking ban, with a focus on primary snow routes before transitioning to residential streets.

City Manager Urich said City Hall would be closed on Wednesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, while Staff would work remotely to respond to citizens and conduct City business. He said the decision was made to not only protect employees, but citizens as well so they could avoid travelling during the storm. He said the Community Development Department Staff was collaborating with Continuum of Care to ensure shelter space was available for homeless citizens, while Police Officers were updated with information to provide to unsheltered citizens they might encounter.

City Manager Urich provided an update of Public Works Department's efforts to prepare for the storm, including pretreating streets and recruiting contractors to assist with keeping residential streets clear. He said Staff would be working around the clock to plow the streets. He noted the landfill would be closed on Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, stating trash pickup would be delayed by one day the rest of the week.



Council Member Velpula asked how the details of the parking ban was communicated to citizens. City Manager Urich said a press release was sent out that afternoon, and alerts were routed through phones, National Weather Service warnings, and through social media. He said additional updates would be provided throughout the weather event.

**Assistant City Manager Kimberly Richardson**

City Manager Urich introduced Kimberly Richardson, the new Assistant City Manager for the City of Peoria. After Mayor Ali welcomed her, Assistant City Manager Richardson said she looked forward to working for the City of Peoria and with the Council.

**CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD**

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

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Special City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

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