



: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council and Town Board of Peoria, Illinois, was held on July 12, 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, Kelly, Oyler (electronic attendance), Riggenbach, Ruckriegel (electronic attendance), Velpula, Mayor Ali – 10. Absent: Jensen – 1.

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 – July 18-23
Heart of Illinois Fair – July 19-23
Glioblastoma Awareness Day – July 21

MINUTES

Council Member Allen moved to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on June 28, 2022, as printed; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula,
Mayor Ali – 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

(22-241) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the JUNE 2022 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the JULY 2022 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Allen moved to approve the June 2022 actual expenditures and to approve the July 2022 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Kelly.

Motion to approve the June 2022 actual expenditures and to approve the July 2022 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Chairwoman Ali – 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS –CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (22-242) **Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**
- (22-243) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Hold a POLICY *
SESSION on VIOLENCE REDUCTION FUNDING on JULY 19, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., to be Held at City Hall, Council Chambers.**
- (22-244) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to APPROVE a Workers' Compensation SETTLEMENT, in the Amount of \$105,765.98, and a Release of Employment Claims between the City of Peoria and a Police Officer Injured on February 11, 2020.**
- (22-245) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Fire Chief with a **
Request to APPROVE the PURCHASE of a Fire Apparatus from PIERCE MACQUEEN, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,200,000.00.**
- (22-246) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of R.A. CULLINAN & SON, INC., a Division of United Contractors Midwest, in the Amount of \$1,131,931.00, and Award a Construction CONTRACT for the PROSPECT ROAD (KNOXVILLE AVENUE to BELMONT PLACE) MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT, with an Additional Authorization of \$113,069.00 (10%) for Contingencies, for a Total Award of \$1,245,000.00. (Council District 5)**
- (22-247) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with MIDWEST ENGINEERING AND ASSOCIATES, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$49,470.00, for the NATIVE PLANTING CITY FACILITIES PROJECT.**
- (22-248) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Fire Chief with a ***
Request to APPROVE a Ten-Year AGREEMENT with EXPOSITION GARDENS to Rent a Building to Conduct the Yearly Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) Training, at a Cost of \$1,500.00 per year from 2022-2026, and \$2,000.00 per year from 2027-2031.**

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

- A. APPROVE the Addition of Seven (7) TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE WORKERS, with Four (4) hired in JULY 2022 for the Annual CRACK SEAL PROGRAM, and Three (3) Hired in OCTOBER 2022 for the Annual WINTER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM to Allow for the Increased Number of SNOW ROUTES to Twenty-One (21); and,**
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2022-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET, Related to the Use of General Fund Balance for the Seven Additional Staff in the Public Works Department, in the Amount of \$200,000.00 in 2022 and \$125,000.00 in 2023.**

(22-250) **APPOINTMENT and REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the SISTER CITY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

Patrick Roesler (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2025
Dr. Joan Sattler (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2025

(22-251) **REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

Michael Maloof (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2025

(22-252) **APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ali to the SPRINGDALE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:**

Lisa Fisher (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2026
Zachary Oyler (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2026

(22-253) **REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:**

Karen Wilson (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023

(22-254) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended May 31, 2022, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**

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

Council Member Grayeb requested Item No. 22-249 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Kelly requested Item Nos. 22-243, 22-245, and 22-248 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Cyr requested Item No. 22-254 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Oyler requested Item No. 22-252 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. 22-242 through 22-254 (except Item Nos. 22-243, 22-245, 22-248, 22-249, 22-252, and 22-254, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(22-243) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Hold a POLICY SESSION on VIOLENCE REDUCTION FUNDING on JULY 19, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., to be Held at City Hall, Council Chambers.**
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After Council Member Kelly said the Council would be revisiting the important topic of violence reduction in the City of Peoria during the Policy Session, he moved to hold a Policy Session on Violence Reduction Funding on July 19, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., to be held at City Hall, Council Chambers, seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(22-245) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE the PURCHASE of a Fire Apparatus from PIERCE MACQUEEN, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,200,000.00.**
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In response to Council Member Kelly's inquiry concerning the purchase, Interim Fire Chief Shawn Sollberger explained the planned purchase of a Fire Apparatus in 2024 required the approval of the purchase at that time in order to reserve a vehicle for 2024 delivery, due to extended wait times in a post-pandemic market. He said payment would be made upon delivery, so there was no cost associated with the purchase at this time.

Discussions were held concerning the option to lease fleet vehicles, and how it would result in greater long-term costs and would affect the majority of the fleet if leasing was considered instead of purchasing vehicles.

Council Member Kelly moved to approve the purchase of a Fire Apparatus from Pierce Macqueen, for an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(22-248) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE a Ten-Year AGREEMENT with EXPOSITION**

GARDENS to Rent a Building to Conduct the Yearly Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) Training, at a Cost of \$1,500.00 per year from 2022-2026, and \$2,000.00 per year from 2027-2031.

Council Member Kelly asked Interim Fire Chief Sollberger to provide history on how this agreement was negotiated. Interim Chief Sollberger said instead of updating the existing Training Tower on Galena Road, the City would enter into an agreement to rent a facility at Exposition Gardens in order to conduct Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) training, saving the City significant funds through the partnership, as well as providing funding for upgrading physical fitness facilities at the Fire Stations.

Council Member Kelly moved to approve a ten-year agreement with Exposition Gardens to rent a building to conduct the yearly Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) training, at a cost of \$1,500.00 per year from 2022-2026, and \$2,000 per year from 2027-2031; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Council Member Riggerbach thanked Interim Chief Sollberger for the creative solution opportunity, and he commended Exposition Gardens staff for the collaboration with the City. Interim Chief Sollberger credited the Fire Department Command Staff for their efforts.

Motion to approve a ten-year agreement with Exposition Gardens to rent a building to conduct the yearly Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) training, at a cost of \$1,500.00 per year from 2022-2026, and \$2,000 per year from 2027-2031 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(22-249)

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After Public Works Director Rick Powers asked for a two-week deferral in order to reassess the configuration of the proposed positions, Council Member Grayeb moved to defer the item to the July 26, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Motion to defer the item to the July 26, 2022, City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(22-252) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ali to the SPRINGDALE CEMETERY
***** MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:**

**Lisa Fisher (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2026
Zachary Oyler (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2026**

Council Member Oyler said he would abstain from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to concur with the appointments of Lisa Fisher and Zachary Oyler to the Springdale Cemetery Management Authority; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: 1 – Oyler.

**(22-254) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller
***** with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended May 31, 2022,
* UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**

In response to Council Member Cyr concerning general fund balance policies, Finance Director Kyle Cratty discussed the drivers of revenue growth and planning for the impending recession. He said the fund balance target for the General Fund was 25%, and the City was quickly approaching that goal. He said the Finance Department was reviewing policies and suggestions that would be presented to the Council in a few months.

Discussions were held concerning the 2023 Revised Budget Timeline, the value of the Financial Report, and the impact of the online sales tax implementation in Illinois. Pension Fund obligations and determining the City's unfunded liability was also discussed.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the month ended May 31, 2022, Unaudited Financial Report; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

**(22-255) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller
with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the 2023 REVISED BUDGET
TIMELINE.**

Finance Director Kyle Cratty reviewed the 2023 Revised Budget Timeline, noting the goal to present the final budget for approval was November 15, 2022.

Discussions were held concerning the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds with the

possibility of holding another Policy Session to determine allocation strategies, how State funding allocations were processed, and the deadlines to allocate and spend ARPA funds.

Council Member Cyr moved receive and file the 2023 Revised Budget Timeline, seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, 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)

It was determined there was no Unfinished Business to be discussed by the City Council at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Springdale Cemetery Update

Council Member Riggenbach said the latest Springdale Cemetery appointments marked the inception of the new Intergovernmental Agreement approved a few months prior between the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and Peoria Park District in order to protect the future of Springdale Cemetery.

Prospect Road Mill and Overlay Project (22-246)

Council Member Riggenbach said he was excited to see this project come to fruition after he advocated for it when it was in his District. He commended all those involved for their efforts.

Disc Golf Tournament

Council Member Riggenbach said he spoke with visitors from Maine that traveled to Peoria to attend the national professional Disc Golf Tournament. He said the City should explore options to support the tournament and visitors to Peoria.

Community Development Neighborhood Grant Programs

Council Member Allen listed several Neighborhood Grant recipients in Peoria, and he said he was excited to see the progress of the grantees. He thanked the Community Development Department Staff for supporting the revitalization efforts in the community.

Marijuana Dispensaries Social Equity Designation

Council Member Allen said he was interested in revisiting discussions concerning social equity designations for marijuana dispensaries.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

It was determined there were no citizens that wished to address the City Council or Town Board at that time.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion for the City Council to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 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; and 2(c)(21), discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes, or semi-annual review of the minutes.

Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 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; and 2(c)(21), discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes, or semi-annual review of the minutes; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

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

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

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.



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



Trina Bonds, Chief Deputy City Clerk
City of Peoria, Illinois