



: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held on September 28, 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 (electronic attendance), Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11. Absent: None.

ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Mayor Ali announced a notice was received by Council Member Jackson in accordance with rules established in Ordinance No. 16,142. She said Council Member Jackson 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, then the request by Council Member Jackson to attend electronically would be deemed approved by the City Council and Council Member Jackson would be declared present.

Hearing no objection to the request for an electronic attendance, Council Member Jackson 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.

**The Junior League of Peoria-Little Black Dress Initiative
September - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

MINUTES

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on September 14, 2021, as printed; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

The minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on September 14, 2021 were approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(21-276) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the ANNEXATION of a Property Having the Address 1310 EAST DICKISON LANE (PIN No. 09-22-300-005), Chillicothe, IL.

Council Member Kelly moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the annexation of a property having the address of 1310 East Dickison Lane, Chillicothe, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

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 Public Hearing at 6:13 P.M.

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

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the annexation of a property having the address of 1310 East Dickison Lane, Chillicothe, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

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 Public Hearing at 6:14 P.M.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

(21-277) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

(21-278) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT with ADVANCED MEDICAL TRANSPORT (AMT) for PEORIA CARES CALL MANAGEMENT, and Reaffirm Action Taken at the MAY 11, 2021, City Council Meeting.

- (21-279) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:
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- A. APPROVE a CONTRACT with VINCENT R. WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES to Serve as the City's LOBBYIST in the State of Illinois, in the Amount of \$4,600.00 per Month, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents; and
 - B. APPROVE a CONTRACT with TURING STRATEGIES to Serve as the City's LOBBYIST in the State of Illinois, in the Amount of \$3,680.00 per Month, and the Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.
- (21-280) Communication from the Human Resource Director and the City Manager with a Request to Enter into an AGREEMENT between the City of Peoria and All Employee Bargaining Units to Extend the JOINT LABOR/MANAGEMENT HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE (LMHCC) for Three (3) Years, Effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2024 (10th Extension).
- (21-281) 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 APPROVE a RESOLUTION Approving an ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for the Property Located at 1310 E DICKISON LANE (Parcel Identification No. 09-22-300-005), Chillicothe, IL.
- (21-282) Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE an AGREEMENT for REPAIRS to FIRE ENGINE 19, Using the Estimate from CUMMINGS SALES AND SERVICE, in the Amount of \$24,611.03; and
 - B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET, in the Amount of \$24,611.03, Regarding Repairs to Fire Engine 19.
- (21-283) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET for an Additional \$90,000.00 for the Community Development Department PRIVATE PROPERTY WORK ORDER BUDGET.
- (21-270) Communication from Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 (Building and Building Regulations), ARTICLE VI (Property Maintenance Code), DIVISION 2 (Administration and Enforcement) of the CODE of the City of Peoria.
- (21-271) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Fair Housing Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 17 of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Relating to the HOUSING COMMISSION.

- (21-272) **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the DEFINITION of TIRE BUSINESSES in CHAPTER 18 of the CODE of the City of Peoria.**
- (21-284) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class G-B (Beer & Wine Only Restaurant) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption of Alcohol at HONEY SUGAR'S CAFE, LLC, D/B/A HONEY SUGAR, 456 FULTON, SUITE 162, Contingent Upon Issuance of all Appropriate Permits and a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)**
- (21-285) **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ali to the PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- Richard Laukitis (Voting) - Term Expiration 09/30/2026**
Cleveland Thomas (Voting) - Term Expiration 09/30/2026
- (21-286) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED with a Request to Concur:**
- Thomas Peterson (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022**
- (21-287) **APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) from the SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, Special City Council Meeting, Regarding the CORONAVIRUS STATE and LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.**

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

Council Member Oyler requested Items Nos. 21-279 and 21-287 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 Oyler.

Item Nos. 21-270 through 21-272 and 21-277 through 21-287 (excluding items 21-279 and 21-287, 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, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 11;

Nays: None.

- (21-279) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:**

A. APPROVE a CONTRACT with VINCENT R. WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES to Serve as the City's LOBBYIST in the State of Illinois, in the Amount of \$4,600.00 per Month, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents; and

B. APPROVE a CONTRACT with TURING STRATEGIES to Serve as the City's LOBBYIST in the State of Illinois, in the Amount of \$3,680.00 per Month, and the Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.

Council Member Oyler expressed an interest in participating in discussions relating to lobbyists hired on behalf of the City. He stressed these contracts and the City's relationship with Springfield were of vital importance. He requested more direct communication from the lobbyists in Springfield. Mayor Ali said she would like it to be more inclusive as well.

Discussions were held regarding the selection process, funding opportunities and the decision to hire more than one firm to represent the City of Peoria.

Council Member Kelly moved to approve a contract with Vincent R. Williams & Associates to serve as the City's lobbyist in the State of Illinois, in the amount of \$4,600.00 per month, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Council Members Jensen and Riggensbach stated they participated in the selection process and expressed their support of each proposed firm.

Contract with Vincent R. Williams & Associates to serve as the City's Lobbyists in the State of Illinois, in the Amount of \$4,600.00 per month, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve a contract with Turing Strategies to serve as the City's lobbyist in the State of Illinois, in the amount of \$3,680.00 per month, and the authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-287) ** APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) from the SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, Special City Council Meeting, Regarding the CORONAVIRUS STATE and LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.

A handout was provided to all Council Members, which added the following line on page 3, paragraph 3, per Council Member Kelly's request, "He emphasized frontloading the Public Works capital projects that were lost due to budget cuts relating to COVID."

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the Committee Report (Policy Session) from the September 7, 2021, Special City Council Meeting, regarding the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, as amended; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Motion to approve the Committee Report (Policy Session) from the September 7, 2021, Special City Council Meeting was approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(21-288) Communication from the City Manager, Finance Director and Community Development Director with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 18, CHAPTER 5, and CHAPTER 30 of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Related to the ELIMINATION of Various LICENSES and MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS.

Council Member Kelly commended the Community Development Department Staff for their continuing work facilitating the elimination of unnecessary licenses and regulations from the Code.

Council Member Kelly moved to receive and file an Ordinance amending Chapter 18, Chapter 5, and Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Peoria, related to the elimination of various licenses and miscellaneous business regulations; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

At the request of Council Member Velpula, City Manager Ulrich provided an overview of the various types of support services for small business.

After Mayor Ali thanked Council Member Cyr for requesting the Code revisions, Council Member Cyr acknowledged the progress was made possible through the efforts of the Council, City Manager, past Director Ross Black, and current Director Dulin and Staff.

At the request of Mayor Ali, Director Dulin summarized the project, the method used to determine potential community impact, and how safety standards were prioritized. He informed the Council that an Ordinance to amend additional sections of the Code would be presented to the Council at the October 12, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.

Motion to receive and file an Ordinance amending Chapter 18, Chapter 5, and Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Peoria, related to the elimination of various licenses and miscellaneous business regulations was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the October 12, 2021, City Council Agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(21-289) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION from the DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Chairman of the Downtown Advisory Board, Mark Misselhorn, and Board Member Ray Lees gave a presentation regarding the goals of the Downtown Advisory Commission (DAC). They urged Council to prioritize the funding of the one-way to two-way conversion plan of Adams and Jefferson streets, the Riverfront Master Plan, and wayfinding as a cohesive plan. They concluded their presentation by emphasizing the importance of a vibrant downtown that would benefit the entire City.

Discussions were held regarding the attendance and participation of citizens to public meetings hosted by the Downtown Advisory Commission regarding the proposed projects and how the meetings were advertised. Chairman Misselhorn explained the public meeting process and invited Council Members to attend virtual meetings held by the DAC from 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. the second Thursday of every month, with the next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021. He said to go to the City's website for more information, agendas, and meeting access details at www.peoriagov.org/boards-commissions/.

Mayor Ali asked City Manager Ulrich to Report Back on the progress of the DAC projects. Council Member Jensen requested summaries of past DAC meetings.

Council Member Kelly moved to receive and file a presentation from the Downtown Advisory Commission; 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.

(21-290) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION Regarding the 2020 CENSUS.

Council Member Ruckriegel detailed the timeline and strategy of the 2020 Census, the impact the results had on the City, and the many local organizations that worked to ensure every citizen was counted. He said the census was unique in that it was available online and in multiple languages. He said for the first time there were multiple partners, agencies and organizations working together to ensure every citizen counted. He recognized the PCCEO, McFarland Bragg, Robin Granthum, and their efforts on the census.

Mayor Ali thanked all those involved for their hard work. She said the City had an overall result of less than a two percent decrease over ten years, stating she was pleased with the outcome.

Community Director Joe Dulin provided a presentation on the 2020 census. Overall, he reported Peoria came in at 113,150, which was about a 1.6% decrease from 2010. He reviewed the historical population change since 1819, the City and County population change since 1850, the Tri-County Area, downstate cities, School District 323 population, housing vacancies, historic population density, racial distribution between 2010-2020, and change in Hispanic population from 2010-2020. He reviewed the information that still needed to be released such as economic data, education data, housing data, and City census reports. He explained how the data was used, noting the need to redistrict the Council Districts in the City.

City Manager Ulrich explained requirements regarding reapportioning City District boundaries and how the Census and Redistricting timeline was affected due to the pandemic. Mayor Ali discussed the composition of the 2010 Redistricting Committee and proposed changes to the

2021 Redistricting Committee. She said the Meetings would be open to the public and subject to the Open Meetings Act. She said the Committee would provide recommendations to the City Council regarding amending City Districts in response to the 2020 Census results, assuming the Council was interested in keeping the five Council Districts. Discussions were held about the absence of Bradley University students due to COVID-19, how it impacted the census results, and potential action that could be taken to amend the discrepancies, such as a Special Census.

Council Member Riggerbach requested a Policy Session regarding the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee and various options to explore regarding the number of Council Districts.

Council Member Oyler expressed an interest in scheduling a Policy Session to decide the number of districts and other priorities prior to appointing the Redistricting Committee. Mayor Ali suggested a deferral of the Redistricting Committee appointments in order to hold a discussion. She said the Redistricting Committee would schedule their first meeting after the City Budget was finalized and the goal was to present a proposed plan to the City Council by the end of March 2022. The deadline to submit City District changes and the potential effect on upcoming elections was discussed.

At the request of Council Member Grayeb, Corporation Counsel Kapustka explained when there was a substantial population increase, a special census could be requested at the City's expense, and she said she would provide more information to the Council about this option.

Council Member Grayeb asked if the City would face legal issues due to the cumulative weighted voting system if they decided to change the Council seats. Mayor Ali asked Corporation Counsel to provide a Report Back with the information. Corporation Counsel Kapustka stated the City had a twenty-year-old agreement in place regarding the Voting Rights Act, and the City would need to revisit the terms with all parties of the agreement.

Council Member Ruckriegel suggested Council Members consider the impact decisions would have on the outcome of the next census. Mayor Ali agreed the Council should be focused on the future, and she asked Director Dulin to explain the software purchased to assist in the Redistricting process. Director Dulin explained how the GIS software would aid the Redistricting Committee in their decisions.

Mayor Ali asked for an item to be added to the City Council Meeting to be held on October 12, 2021, for a discussion on City Districts and City Council positions, and to defer the Redistricting Committee appointments to the City Council Meeting to be held on October 26, 2021. Council Member Riggerbach said he would support holding a discussion prior to voting to appoint the Redistricting Committee Members.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file and a presentation regarding the 2020 Census; 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.

(21-291) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:

Honorable Mayor Rita Ali (Voting) - Term Expires N/A

Mayor Ali abstained from this vote due to being the appointed which provided a conflict of interest.

Council Member Riggensbach moved to defer this item to the October 26, 2021, Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting, seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Motion to defer to the October 26, 2021 Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula - 10;

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Mayor Ali – 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the October 26, 2021, City Council Agenda.

(21-292) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:

1st District Council Member Denise Jackson (Voting) - Term Expires N/A

Council Member Jackson abstained from this vote due to being the appointed which provided a conflict of interest.

Council Member Kelly moved to defer this item to the October 26, 2021 Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Motion to defer to the October 26, 2021 Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 10;

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Jackson – 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the October 26, 2021, City Council Agenda.

(21-293) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:

2nd District Council Member Charles Grayeb (Voting) - Term Expires N/A

Council Member Grayeb abstained from this vote due to being the appointed which provided a conflict of interest.

Council Member Riggensbach moved to defer this item to the October 26, 2021 Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Motion to defer the appointment of Council Member Charles Grayeb to the Redistricting Committee to the October 26, 2021 Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Grayeb – 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the October 26, 2021, City Council Agenda.

(21-294) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:

3rd District Council Member Tim Riggenbach (Voting) - Term Expires N/A

Council Member Riggenbach abstained from this vote due to being the appointed which provided a conflict of interest.

Council Member Oyler moved to defer this item to the October 26, 2021 Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to defer to the October 26, 2021 Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Riggenbach – 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the October 26, 2021, City Council Agenda.

(21-295) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:

4th District Council Member Andre Allen (Voting) - Term Expires N/A

Council Member Allen abstained from this vote due to being the appointed which provided a conflict of interest.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to defer this item to the October 26, 2021 Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Motion to defer to the October 26, 2021 Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Allen – 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the October 26, 2021, City Council Agenda.

- (21-296) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:**

5th District Council Member Denis Cyr (Voting) - Term Expires N/A

Council Member Cyr abstained from this vote due to being the appointed which provided a conflict of interest.

Council Member Allen moved to defer this item to the October 26, 2021 Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Kelly.

Motion to defer to the October 26, 2021 Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Cyr – 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the October 26, 2021, City Council Agenda.

- (21-297) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize a LEASE AGREEMENT with JIMAX LANDSCAPE, LLC., to Create a Sustainability Center for a Period of Ten (10) Years, Beginning October 1, 2021, for a Portion of the Property at 2001 S. CLARK STREET, Located at the Corner of S. CLARK STREET and DARST STREET. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Kelly stated while he intended to make a motion to approve this item, he wanted clarification on the meaning of "Sustainability Center."

Director Powers explained the business was a mulching operation that recycled trees and limbs, so it was named the "Sustainability Center".

Council Member Kelly moved to approve a lease agreement with JIMAX Landscape, LLC, to Create a Sustainability Center for a period of ten years, beginning October 1, 2021, for a Portion of the Property at 2001 S. Clark Street, Located at the Corner of S. Clark Street and Darst Street; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Motion to approve a lease agreement with JIMAX Landscape, LLC. was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (21-298) Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request for the Following:**

A. ACCEPT a GRANT from ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG), in the Amount of \$370,566.90, to Fund a PARAMEDIC CLASS for Nine (9) Fire Personnel; and

B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE to AMEND the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET to Recognize the Receipt of an ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS (AFG) GRANT in the Amount of \$370,566.90, to Fund a PARAMEDIC CLASS for Nine (9) Fire Personnel.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to accept a grant from AFG, in the amount of \$370,566.90, to fund a Paramedic Class for nine fire personnel; 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.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adopt an Ordinance to amend the City of Peoria 2021 Revised Annual Budget to recognize the receipt of an Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant in the amount of \$370,566.90, to fund a paramedic class for nine Firefighters, seconded by Council Member Allen.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,886 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (21-299) 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 R4 (Single Family Residential) District, for a SHORT TERM RENTAL at 1314 N SHERIDAN ROAD (Parcel Identification No. 18-04-154-003), Peoria, IL (Council District 2).**

Council Member Grayeb said he believed the will of the Council was to develop a more thoughtful approach to Short Term Rentals and said a deferral of this item would allow Council Members and Staff time to address this issue.

Council Member Grayeb moved to defer this matter to the October 12, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to defer to the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting on October 12, 2021 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the October 12, 2021, City Council Agenda.

- (21-300) 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 at KNOXVILLE WINE & SPIRITS, INC., D/B/A TEQUILARIA TWO, 1621 N. KNOXVILLE, Contingent Upon Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 2)**

Council Member Grayeb asked for an overview of the history of this address and the surrounding areas.

Officer Kevin Slavens, Peoria Liquor Investigator, stated the Police Department had no issues with the applicant, but opposed the Site Application for a Class C-1 Liquor License due to the Department's stance on stand-alone liquor stores in struggling neighborhoods, the location's close proximity to a school, and high police call volume in the area. He noted the last two Site Applications at that location were denied. He also noted a nearby location was recently denied based on similar concerns.

Council Member Grayeb stated he also held no prejudice for the applicant but concurred with the Police Department's recommendation on the location. At the conclusion of his comments, he moved to deny the Site Application for a Class C-1 Liquor License with Retail Sale of Alcohol at Knoxville Wine & Spirits, Inc., D/B/A Tequilaria Two, 1621 N. Knoxville, Contingent upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Council Member Allen moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Christell Frausto, owner of Tequileria. Upon hearing no objections, Mayor Ali granted Privilege of the Floor to Christell Frausto.

Christell Frausto outlined the planned security measures, her willingness to adapt to needs of the neighborhood, and her involvement in the community. She urged the Council to consider her experience and to allow her to grow her business in the City of Peoria.

Motion to deny the Site Application for a Class C-1 Liquor License with Retail Sale of Alcohol at Knoxville Wine & Spirits, Inc., D/B/A Tequilaria Two, 1621 N. Knoxville was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Grayeb, Jackson, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 8;
Nays: Jensen, Kelly, Oyler - 3.

(21-301) 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 the Retail Sale of Alcohol at GB LICENSE, LLC, D/B/A GOPUFF at 3455 N. UNIVERSITY STREET, With a Stipulation of NO Walk-In/On-Premise Sales and All Sales will be Delivery-Based Only, and Contingent Upon Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 2)

At Council Member Grayeb's request, Officer Slavens provided information on the number of stores operated by Gopuff in the United States. He emphasized the support of the Police Department was contingent upon the stipulation there would be no walk-in sales at the location, and that all sales would be conducted through delivery to customers.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Gopuff representative Winton Steward and Attorney Donovan Borvan. Upon hearing no objections, Mayor Ali granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Steward and Mr. Borvan.

Attorney Borvan and Mr. Steward outlined Gopuff's procedures to restrict underage alcohol purchases. Discussions were held regarding the Gopuff business model, procedures to avoid sales to underage customers, how the Police Department would monitor the site, and the training of delivery drivers to recognize fake identification.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the Site Application for a Class C -1 Liquor License with Retail Sale of Alcohol at GB License, LLC, D/B/A Gopuff at 3455 N. University Street, with a stipulation of NO Walk-in/On-Premise Sales and All Sales will be Delivery-Based only, and contingent upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, with a recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve, seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Council Member Riggensbach asked Corporation Counsel Chrissie Kapustka to describe the process should a new owner take over the location. Corporation Counsel Kapustka confirmed the new owner would also be restricted to delivery only. Council Member Riggensbach responded that transferability was his only concern regarding this application.

Discussions were held regarding concerns about individuals placing orders from nonresidential locations and the possibility of delivering alcohol to an adult who was purchasing for minors.

Council Member Oyler stated he was disappointed in the outcome of the vote on the last item (21-300), and due to its proximity to the previous site application address, he would not support this site application.

More discussions were held about Gopuff's company policy to prevent underaged drinking. Council Member Allen stated he was hesitant to support this due to concerns of alcohol deliveries being made to underage citizens, especially on the college campus.

Further discussions were held about the history of Gopuff, their policy to identify fake identification, procedures to prevent underage drinking, locations in Illinois, percentage of alcohol sales, and their lack of any compliance violations in Illinois.

Council Member Velpula said he concurred with the points made by Council Members Oyler and Allen. He also said there was less control over liquor deliveries to homes than purchasing from a store, and since the Council would not approve the last model, he would not support this one.

Motion to approve the Site Application for a Class C -1 Liquor License with Retail Sale of Alcohol at GB License, LLC, D/B/A GOPUFF at 3455 N. University Street was
DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Kelly, Riggensbach, Mayor Ali - 4;

Nays: Allen, Cyr. Jackson, Jensen, Oyler, Ruckriegel, Velpula - 7.

(21-302) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Timothy Riggensbach (Non-Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2022

Council Member Riggensbach abstained from this vote due to a conflict of interest.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to concur with the appointment to the Fair Housing Commission; seconded by Velpula.

Motion to approve the appointment of Timothy Riggerbach to the Fair Housing Commission was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Riggerbach – 1.

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

(21-275) Request by Council Member Riggerbach for the Following:

A. REQUEST TO RECONSIDER Item No. 21-275.

B. 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 R4 (Single Family Residential) District, for a SHORT TERM RENTAL at 1030 N. ELMWOOD AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 18-05-328-021), Peoria, IL (Council District 2).

Council Member Riggerbach moved to reconsider Item No. 21-275; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Council Member Riggerbach acknowledged the Council did not often bring forward a Motion to Reconsider. He stated several Council Members had discussed and asked Director Dulin to ask the Planning and Zoning Commission to address issues such as transferability of the Special Use, establishing a maximum number of allowable non-related adults, and considering the appropriate percentage of Short Term Rentals allowed in a neighborhood. He suggested a three to five percent limit on Short Term Rentals in neighborhoods or set boundaries. He requested, if the request to reconsider the item was approved, that the item be brought back to Council for consideration at the City Council Meeting on October 12, 2021.

Council Member Velpula proposed the Council establish rules and procedures that would limit the need for Council involvement in Special Use decisions.

Discussions were held clarifying Council Meeting rules regarding a Motion to Reconsider. Mayor Ali confirmed with Corporation Counsel Chrissie Kapustka the Item could then be deferred if the motion to reconsider was approved.

Motion to reconsider Item No. 21-275 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Jensen - 1.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer the request to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class R4 District, for a Short Term Rental at 1030 N. Elmwood Avenue, Peoria, IL to the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting to be held on October 12, 2021; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Oyler said he would not support the deferrals because he wanted to support the property owners who tried to operate legally, while others continued to operate without appropriate licensing. He expressed his frustration with the time invested in this process and stated the Council's hesitancy to approve Short Term Rentals caused investors to lose confidence in the Council. He said the ratings system in place for Short Term Rentals provided owners incentive to operate correctly, stating the Council could rescind the license if they did not.

Council Member Jensen commended Council Members for negotiating on Short Term Rentals, but said she was still concerned about the impact on Heritage Neighborhoods with no ability to enact their own restrictive covenants. She questioned whether the proposed amendments would benefit the process but said she would support a Motion to Defer to allow for further discussions.

Council Member Allen said he believed the Council needed to be fair to property owners as well as others who lived in the neighborhoods.

Mayor Ali directed Council Members to work with Staff on this process so it could be voted on at the next City Council Meeting.

Motion to defer to the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting on October 12, 2021, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Oyler - 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the October 12, 2021, City Council Agenda.

(21-274) Request by Council Member Cyr for the Following:

A. REQUEST TO RECONSIDER Item No. 21-274.

B. 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 R4 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a SHORT TERM RENTAL at 1514 W. COLUMBIA TERRACE (Parcel Identification No. 18-05-326-002), Peoria, IL (Council District 2).

Council Member Cyr moved to reconsider Item No. 21-274, seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Jensen - 1.

Council Member Cyr asked Community Development Director Joe Dulin to discuss the software the City used to monitor Short Term Rentals by number and location. Director Dulin explained the difficulty with identifying properties being used for Short Term Rentals and how this software was designed to assist in identifying and mapping them. He gave a preliminary estimate of the

number and locations of the properties and offered to provide a map to the Council. He projected having the software finalized in the next two to three weeks.

Council Member Jackson left the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Council Member Cyr moved to defer the adoption the Ordinance approving a Special use in a Class R4 District, for a Short Term Rental at 1514 W. Columbia Terrace, Peoria, IL to the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting on October 12, 2021; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Motion to defer to the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting on October 12, 2021, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Oyler - 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the October 12, 2021, City Council Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Follow up on Report Back on COVID-Related Cuts

Council Member Jensen inquired about the status of a Report Back she had requested about the impact of COVID-related cuts on the City's emergency response times. City Manager Urich said he would have this information available at the next City Council Meeting to be held on October 12, 2021.

Peoria Production Solutions

Council Member Cyr announced he had attended an Open House at Peoria Production Solutions in the Fifth District, which was founded in 1941 and became a not-for-profit in 1951. He said it was a great business and their manufacturing facility provided hospitals with masks and other personal protective equipment during COVID.

Council Support to the Chief of Police and the Police Department

Council Member Velpula requested input from the Police Chief on ways the Council could develop policy and support the Peoria Police Departments efforts.

COVID Money

Council Member Kelly asked City Manager Patrick Urich to provide the scheduled dates to discuss the American Rescue Plan Recovery Funds and the City Budget. City Manager Urich stated the budget discussions would begin on October 12, 2021, discussed in greater detail on October 19, 2021, and subsequent weekly meetings would be held thereafter until the budget was approved.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ali granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens who wished to address the City Council.

Christell Frausto, a concerned citizen and business owner, addressed the Council regarding their decision to deny the Site Application for Tequilaria Two (21-300). She urged Council to reconsider, and to visit her other store to see how it was managed. She also said the Census results were not accurate due to many citizen's fear to participate, and how language barriers

presented obstacles for the Spanish-speaking population in general.

Mona Wenger, a citizen of Peoria, requested the Council consider permit parking for downtown employees between 10 P.M. and 6 A.M. She stated the area was becoming unsafe and Police have reacted by blocking parking areas, which prevented workers from having a safe place to park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 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 such an action is probable or imminent; 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 as mandated by Section 2.06.

Council Member Cyr moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 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 such an action is probable or imminent; 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 as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

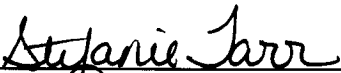
Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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



Stefanie Tarr, RMC, CMC, City Clerk
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