



: 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 March 8, 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, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, 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.

**Women's History Month & International Women's Day
National Public Health Week**

MINUTES

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on February 22, 2022, as printed; 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.

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

(22-074) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the FEBRUARY 2022 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the MARCH 2022 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the February 2022 Actual Expenditures and to approve the March 2022 Anticipated Expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Jackson.

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:

- (22-075) **Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**
- (22-076) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a SETTLEMENT in *JOHNSON v. CITY OF PEORIA*.**
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- (22-077) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a SETTLEMENT Between the City of Peoria and AFICS, INC., as SUBROGEE OF CLARK MANAGEMENT, LLC, and MCDONALD'S CORPORATION.**
- (22-078) **Communication from the City Manager and Public Works Director with a Request to APPROVE the Following for VARIOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES:**
- A. The Second Amendment to the MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with AKRF, INC., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$325,000.00; and,**
 - B. The Second Amendment to the MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$650,000.00; and,**
 - C. The Third Amendment to the MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with FOTH INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT, LLC, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000.00; and,**
 - D. The Second Amendment to the MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,100,000.00; and,**
 - E. The Second Amendment to the MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with HUTCHISON ENGINEERING, INC., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00; and,**
 - F. The Second Amendment to the MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with MAURER-STUTZ, INC., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00; and,**
 - G. The Second Amendment to the MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with MIDWEST ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,150,000.00; and,**
 - H. The Second Amendment to the MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with MILLENNIA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LTD, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000.00; and,**
 - I. The Second Amendment to the MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with TERRA ENGINEERING, LTD., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000,000.00.**

- (22-079) Communication from the City Manager and Public Works Director with a Request to APPROVE a STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) RESOLUTION NO. 22-079, in the Amount of \$1,210,000.00, for the WESTERN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT from ADAMS STREET to HOWETT STREET. (Council District 1)**
- (22-080) Communication from the City Manager and Public Works Director with a Request to APPROVE a STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) RESOLUTION NO. 22-080, in the Amount of \$534,750.00, for a Construction Engineering Services AGREEMENT with MAURER-STUTZ, INC. for the GLEN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT from WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE to UNIVERSITY STREET. (Council District 4)**
- (22-081) Communication from the City Manager and Public Works Director with a Request for the Following: (Council District 3)**
- A. APPROVE a STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) RESOLUTION NO. 22-081-A, in the Amount of \$520,291.00, for a Construction Engineering Services AGREEMENT with HUTCHISON ENGINEERING, INC. for the WEST GLEN AVENUE PROJECT from NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD to NORTH KNOXVILLE AVENUE; and,**
- B. APPROVE a STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) RESOLUTION NO. 22-081-B, in the Amount of \$741,509.00, for Payment to PEORIA COUNTY for the WEST GLEN AVENUE PROJECT from NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD to NORTH KNOXVILLE AVENUE.**
- (22-082) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE NO. 17,956 Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied, to Pay Principal of and Interest on GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois 2010 Series A.**
- (22-058) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT 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.**
- (22-083) 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 NO. 17,957 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District, for Manufactured/Modular Building Sales, for the Property Located at 1501 W. PIONEER PARKWAY (Parcel Identification No. 14-05-353-007), Peoria, IL. (Council District 5)**

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

Council Member Grayeb requested Item Nos. 22-076 and 22-058 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 22-058, and 22-075 through 22-083 (except Item Nos. 22-058 and 22-076, 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.

**(22-076) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a
* Request to APPROVE a SETTLEMENT in JOHNSON v. CITY OF PEORIA.**

Council Member Grayeb said he would not vote to approve the settlement because the actions of the Police Officers were justified.

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the Settlement in *Johnson v. City of Peoria*; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Jackson, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali - 9;

Nays: Grayeb - 1.

**(22-058) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a
** Request to ADOPT 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.**

After saying Legal Staff required additional time to work on the Ordinance, Council Member Grayeb moved to defer the item to the March 22, 2022, City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Motion to DEFER the item to the March 22, 2022, Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PRESENTATION:

**(22-084) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources
with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION by HOME FOR ALL
CONTINUUM OF CARE and PHOENIX COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES.**

Mayor Ali thanked Kate Green and Christine Kahl for presenting to the Council that evening regarding Home for All Continuum of Care and Phoenix Community Development Services.

Kate Green, Executive Director at Home for All Continuum of Care, began the presentation by describing the Continuum of Care's mission to end homelessness in Peoria and the surrounding area through collaboration with community partners. She described the demographics of the

local homeless community, the affordability and availability of housing, and the scope of challenges to their mission. She reviewed the program's existing capacity, response system, and solutions. She concluded her presentation with a list of available community resources.

Discussions were held regarding the progress of affordable housing in Peoria, the shelters in the area, and collaboration with the Peoria Police Department to address concerns. The leading drivers of homelessness, the alliance with local agencies, and the evolution of shelters were also discussed.

Christine Kahl, President and Chief Executive Officer of Phoenix Community Development Services, described the history and mission of the organization, including offering housing programs, workforce development, as well as property and asset management in the community. She reviewed the current projects in various levels of development, including the Madison Campus, arts and gardens initiatives, the Phoenix Employment First Center, and housing rehabilitation efforts in partnership with the Community Development Department.

Mayor Ali expressed her appreciation for the many great works of Phoenix Community Development Services in the community. Discussions were held regarding the North Valley Home Improvement Initiative, the Phoenix Community Development Services leadership team, and the benefit of their services in the community.

Council Member Riggerbach asked for a Report Back from the Housing Commission and Nicole Livesey, Housing Coordinator for the Community Development Department, to update the Council on the housing improvements and other initiatives in Peoria.

Discussions were held regarding the cost of the Madison II project, and Council Member Kelly asked for a Report Back with a breakdown of expenses and plans for the development.

The importance of bringing affordable housing solutions to all districts in Peoria and effectively communicating local housing concerns to citizens was discussed.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file a presentation by Home for All Continuum of Care and Phoenix Community Development Services; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

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:

- (22-085) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Recommendation to WAIVE the City's RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL to Acquire the SPIRIT OF PEORIA, Due to the Lack of Financial and Business Information Concerning the Proposed Purchaser.**

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Kapustka provided an overview of the 1996 Lease Agreement regarding the Spirit of Peoria and the Katie Hooper with G&G Packet, Inc., and the City of Peoria, including the terms of the City's First Right of Refusal for the sale of the vessels. She said the Council decided to waive their Right of First Refusal for the sale of the Katie Hooper in 2004. She summarized the events leading to the item presented to Council that evening, starting with a notice of a purchase offer on the Spirit of Peoria, sent by Alex Grieves to

the City on February 1, 2022, followed by attempts by Staff to validate the offer, obtain additional information, and perform due diligence. She said the Council had 90 days to consider the Right of First Refusal for the \$1 million purchase agreement for the Spirit of Peoria, noting the deadline exactly coincided with the expiration of the 1996 Lease Agreement. She said Staff requested additional information regarding the purchaser, Yacht Starship, that had not been received. She said because they were unable to verify the purchase offer, Staff recommended the Council waive the Right of First Refusal to purchase the Spirit of Peoria.

Discussions were held regarding the Right of First Refusal terms outlined in the Lease Agreement, whether the financial information of the purchaser was needed for the Council to make a decision, and the need for an appraisal to determine the value of the vessel in order to attract private investors.

After he said he wanted to ask the owner, Alex Grieves, for additional information and for the ability to conduct an appraisal to determine the value of the vessel, Council Member Kelly moved to defer the item to the March 22, 2022, City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

In response to Mayor Ali about the request for an appraisal, Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka said the last communication with Mr. Grieves concluded with his declaration of an impasse, but she noted he was not asked about the possibility of an appraisal or a sea-worthy test. Council Member Riggerbach asked about the seller's obligations regarding an appraisal request. Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka said because the purchaser waived all rights to inspections, appraisals, and a sea-worthy test, Mr. Grieves did not have an obligation to allow the City access to the vessel to achieve those. She noted that even if the value of the vessel was less than \$1 million, if the Council decided to exercise First Right of Refusal, the purchase price was non-negotiable.

Continued discussions were held regarding the information, records, and reports the City received and retrieved regarding the offer. Council Member Ruckriegel said the City would act as a broker with private investors if the Spirit of Peoria were to stay in Peoria. He said many citizens expressed a desire to have a vessel on the Riverfront, and he said the Council needed to decide the best course to achieve that result. He said appraisals and sea-worthy tests were regular requests with the sale of boats and vessels, and he noted the purchaser waived those rights. Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka said if the sale had occurred after the Lease Agreement expired on May 1, 2022, the seller would not need the approval of the Council to complete the sale.

Council Member Oyler said instead of focusing on obtaining irrelevant information regarding the purchaser, the focus should be to determine if there was a solution to keep the Spirit of Peoria in Peoria without City ownership. He discussed the many businesses on the riverfront that brought revenue and visitors to the area, and the importance of focusing on projects that would bring a return on investment to the Riverfront.

Council Member Kelly said it was reasonable to ask Mr. Grieves for information on his business that would help the Council make a decision, and if he did not provide it the Council should waive the Right of First Refusal to allow the sale to proceed. He said determining the worth of the vessel was the priority, and he asked the Council to support the deferral to allow time for Staff to request information such as business operations, revenues, expenses, maintenance schedule and history, and an appraisal.

Discussions were held on the specific information to request from the owner, the value of an appraisal, and what information the owner was obligated to provide. The process to broker a deal to a private party to purchase the vessel was also discussed.

Council Member Grayeb said the infrastructure to support a vessel on the Riverfront already existed, and, if despite efforts, the Spirit of Peoria were to leave the thriving Riverfront District, a plan was needed to invite a new business to replace it with another vessel. He said he would support the deferral, but he asked for Staff to be ready to communicate interest for a vessel to come to Peoria if the Council decided to waive the First Right of Refusal on the Spirit of Peoria.

Discussions were held on the time and costs involved with an appraisal, the circumstances of the approval of the purchase agreement between G&G Packet and Yacht Starship, and the information requested of the owner during the due diligence process. Council Member Riggerbach said he was not interested in the buyer's financial reports, but he wanted to review the financial information of G&G Packet regarding the City of Peoria to help determine its value. He said he would support a deferral to ask for more information from Alex Grieves, but he said if he refused to comply, the Council should waive the Right of First Refusal.

Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka explained the importance of performing due diligence to determine if the purchase offer was legitimate, and she reviewed Staff's research to date. She said the requested purchaser and owner information would help Staff determine its validity and aid the Council with their decision regarding the First Right of Refusal.

Many Council Members expressed their desire to have the Spirit of Peoria or another vessel on the Riverfront, but the vessel should be owned by a private party rather than the City.

Discussions were held regarding differing processes and agreements involved with real estate sales as compared to boat sale negotiations. Contacting Alex Grieves to attempt to reach a solution was also discussed.

Motion to DEFER to the March 22, 2022, Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(22-086) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT for SPRINGDALE CEMETERY, with PEORIA COUNTY, PEORIA PARK DISTRICT, and the City of Peoria.

A copy of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement was distributed to all Council Members.

City Manager Patrick Urich said Springdale Cemetery included a public park and it was on the National Register of Historic Places. He described some of the features and history of Springdale Cemetery, including notable historical figures buried there and the 14-acre Savannah area that embodied Central Illinois vegetation and landscape before it was settled. He said the cemetery was mismanaged by the previous owner, and in 1999 the Illinois State Comptroller revoked their license and put it under new management. He said it was transitioned to public ownership, and in 2002 a 20-year Intergovernmental Agreement was approved regarding funding sources and management of the cemetery and park. He explained the new Agreement continued to address the maintenance and care, while changes included

appointments to the Springdale Cemetery Management Authority, the transfer of ownership of the Savannah area to the Peoria Park District, and financial obligations of each entity. In response to Mayor Ali regarding the effective date of the new Intergovernmental Agreement, City Manager Urich said once it was approved by the Peoria City Council, Peoria County Board, and Peoria Park District Board, it would immediately go into effect on March 10, 2022.

Council Member Kelly asked if the Peoria Park District annual contributions were in addition to annual maintenance costs. City Manager Urich said previously much of Springdale Cemetery, especially the park areas, were maintained by volunteers, but moving forward would be the responsibility of the Park District. He said the annual contributions outlined in the new Intergovernmental Agreement were in addition to the additional maintenance expenses the Park District would incur.

After discussing the 2002 Intergovernmental Agreement and the leadership of Mark Matuszak as General Manager of Springdale Cemetery, Council Member Grayeb asked for details regarding the parachute clause in the Agreement. City Manager Urich said the clause did not concern the City's obligations because the City owned Springdale Cemetery, and he said a similar clause was included in the 2002 Agreement.

Council Member Riggerbach discussed Springdale Cemetery's journey from mismanagement and neglect to rehabilitation and historical pride. He said he was glad to be a part of the collaborative efforts across multiple Central Illinois organizations in commitment to Springdale Cemetery, stating he was glad to see the Savannah area preserved through the Park District. He discussed investments made to protect and improve the historical landmark.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for Springdale Cemetery, with Peoria County, Peoria Park District, and the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Council Member Oyler noted that all supplementary contributions by the City on behalf of Springdale Cemetery were budgeted and approved by Council annually to improve its functionality and maintenance. He encouraged citizens to visit the cemetery and witness its progress, beauty, and historical significance.

Additional discussions were held regarding the collaboration to manage and restore Springdale Cemetery, its history, and its value in the community. Council Member Ruckriegel said the agreement was well done and it set a precedent for future generations on City management.

In response to Council Member Cyr regarding street ownership in the cemetery, City Manager Urich said the City owned everything in the cemetery including the streets, and he said the pursuit of state grants was underway to address road condition concerns.

Motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for Springdale Cemetery with Peoria County, Peoria Park District, and the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(22-087) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the 800 ADAMS LLC – REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (Council District 1)

Cesar Suarez, Senior Development Specialist in the Economic Development Department, described the location affected by the Redevelopment Agreement, the scope and details of the projects, and the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) eligibility for costs. He reviewed the scheduled projects timeline and planned improvements to existing structures, noting all projects would be completed within 18 months. He said parking was a major concern in the Warehouse District and he described measures to address the increased parking needs, including an On-Street Parking Permit Program (OP3) that would require an Ordinance adopted by the Council. He described other project attributes including patios, parklets, and loading zones that Staff would establish. He said the City Manager would have the power to adjust the budget within restraints as needs arose during the project. He said it was a major project that would benefit the Warehouse District.

Council Member Kelly moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the 800 Adams LLC – Redevelopment Agreement; seconded by Council Member Jackson.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,958 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(22-088) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Designating and Approving the PEORIA-KELLER STATION BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, and Imposing a RETAILER'S OCCUPATION TAX and a SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX in the Peoria-Keller Station Business Development District.

Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka reviewed the history and progress on evaluating and creating the Peoria-Keller Station Business Development District, including the property's eligibility criteria. She said the Ordinance would establish the Business Development District, stating the Agreements with Developers required separate Council approval.

Discussions were held regarding the establishment of sales taxes, the development of the former Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) building at Keller Station, and the owner's agreement with Peoria Park District to accomplish the development.

Council Member Rigggenbach moved to adopt an Ordinance designating and approving the Peoria-Keller Station Business Development District, and imposing a Retailer's Occupation Tax and a Service Occupation Tax in the Peoria-Keller Station Business Development District; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,959 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(22-089) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended January 31, 2022, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

Finance Director Kyle Cratty said the Council would receive the unaudited Financial Report on a monthly basis, which included the major revenue analysis, General Fund analysis, and statement of Revenues and Fund balance, providing the Council a snapshot on the City's performance. He summarized the January 2022 report, noting increased revenues above all budgeted targets and departmental expenses were on track for the 2022 Budget amounts.

Discussions were held regarding the value of this Report for the Council to understand the City's finances and the process and software used to compile the data.

In response to Council Member Cyr regarding an update on the HRA Tax and City's debt service obligations, Director Cratty said the Hotel/Restaurant/Amusement Tax revenues were reduced in January 2022 compared to January 2021, and the debt service expenditures would be on the June and December monthly Financial Report. He said Staff was reviewing refunding options to save the City money on debt service, and the City was paced to meet its obligations.

Council Member Riggerbach said this monthly Report would be invaluable during the City's annual Budget process, and he asked for details regarding the Home Rule Sales Tax increase. Director Cratty said the increase was most likely due to the recent implementation and collection of online sales tax revenues, noting those funds would be allocated to the City in April 2022.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the month ended January 31, 2022, unaudited Financial Report; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

Non-Owner Occupied Registration Report

Council Member Kelly said Community Development Director Joe Dulin would provide the requested Report regarding the Non-Owner Occupied Registration Program at the March 22, 2022, Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Peoria Civic Center Events

Council Member Grayeb said the Peoria Civic Center had a very successful weekend with great attendance at events and shows. Council Member Ruckriegel said business and activities were returning to the area, attracting visitors, and bringing much needed revenue to local businesses.

JustFOIA Software Implementation

City Clerk Stefanie Tarr announced a new software was implemented to process Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for both the City of Peoria and the Peoria Police Department. She said it streamlined the process and gave the requestor the ability to track submissions and retrieve documents online through the portal. She said citizens could access the FOIA portal on the City's website through the City Clerk's page, at www.peoriagov.org/city-clerk/foia-form/.

Quest Academy Art Installation

City Clerk Tarr said the display cases on the 3rd and 4th floors of City Hall were updated to display art from Quest Academy Middle and High School students. She said Jonathan Walraven and Angela Sanders of Quest Academy arranged the artwork and provided information regarding Quest's mission to foster education and creativity in the community that was viewable along with the artwork. She invited citizens to view the art before the end of the school year.

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 as follows:

Karrie Alms, a concerned citizen of Peoria, discussed the Liquor License Site Application for Family Dollar at 820 NE Jefferson Street that was considered by the Liquor Commission on March 7, 2022. She said the Commission approved it despite crime concerns in the area and existing liquor stores within a short distance of the location. She asked the Council to review the policies of the Liquor Commission, noting they did not have a Finding of Fact like some other commissions used when considering applications. She also discussed applying the affordable housing plan in all Districts of the City, and she said if the Spirit of Peoria were to stay in Peoria, she asked if the new owner could be asked to commit to always keeping it in Peoria.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council Member Allen moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

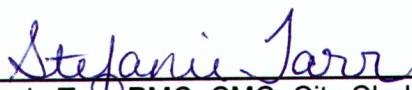
Motion to adjourn was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

cc



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