

**: 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 April 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, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 10. Absent: Grayeb – 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.**

**Child Abuse Awareness Month  
National Work Zone Awareness Week – April 11-15, 2022  
National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week  
Education Day USA  
Illinois Central College Month**

**MINUTES**

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on March 22, 2022, as printed; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

**(22-108) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the MARCH 2022 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the APRIL 2022 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Ruckriegel moved to approve the March 2022 actual expenditures and to approve the April 2022 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Allen.

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

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Velpula, Chairwoman Ali – 10.

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**

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

- (22-109)      Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**
- (22-110)      Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request from the CDBG Public Services Commission to APPROVE the 2023 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATION.**
- (22-111)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Sole Source PURCHASE for Maintenance and Component Repairs for the VACTOR JET TRUCK, from the Manufacturer, COE EQUIPMENT, in the Amount not to Exceed \$24,966.51. (All Council Districts)**
- (22-112)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of ILLINOIS CIVIL CONTRACTORS, INC., in the Amount of \$273,047.00, and APPROVE a CONTRACT for the BUCKTHORN WAY RECONSTRUCTION, with an Additional Authorization of \$27,304.70 (10%) for Contingencies, for a Total Award of \$300,051.70. (Council District 5)**
- (22-113)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of ILLINOIS CIVIL CONTRACTORS, INC., in the Amount of \$387,910.38, and APPROVE a CONTRACT for the VILLA LAKE DRIVE AND WILDLIFE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION, with an Additional Authorization of \$38,791.04 (10%) for Contingencies, for a Total Award of \$426,701.42. (Council District 5)**
- (22-114)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE CONTRACTS for the 2022 City of Peoria and Peoria County Trustee VACANT LOT MOWING PROGRAM (Bid #12.22) and Award Contracts, in the Total Amount not to Exceed \$531,755.10. (All Council Districts)**  
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- (22-115)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE CONTRACTS for the 2022 FACILITIES, BOULEVARDS & RIGHTS-OF-WAY MOWING PROGRAM (Bid #11-22) and Award Contracts, in the Total Amount not to Exceed \$117,630.00. (All Council Districts)**  
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**(22-116)**      **Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class I (assembly hall/stadium) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at the EXPOSITION GARDENS, INC., D/B/A EXPO GARDENS, 1601 W. NORTHMOOR ROAD, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 4)**  
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**(22-117)**      **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ali to the HOUSING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

**Shawn Hayes (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022**

**(22-118)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended February 28, 2022, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**  
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Mayor Ali questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda Items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Riggerbach requested Item No. 22-116 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jackson requested Item Nos. 22-114 and 22-115 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Cyr requested Item No. 22-118 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. 22-109 through 22-118 (except Item Nos. 22-114, 22-115, 22-116, and 22-118, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

**(22-114)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE CONTRACTS for the 2022 City of Peoria and Peoria County Trustee VACANT LOT MOWING PROGRAM (Bid #12.22) and Award Contracts, in the Total Amount not to Exceed \$531,755.10. (All Council Districts)**  
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Noting the sizeable tasks and hard work required to participate in the City's mowing programs, Council Member Jackson commended the contractors' efforts over the years. She said she supported this item and Item No. 22-115, but she said she wanted to request improved clean-up efforts after mowing was completed.

Council Member Jackson moved to approve contracts for the 2022 City of Peoria and Peoria County Trustee Vacant Lot Mowing Program and award contracts, in the total amount not to exceed \$531,755.10; seconded by Council Member Kelly.



In response to Council Member Kelly's inquiry regarding the length of grass requirements for the mowing program, Public Works Director Rick Powers said it was six inches (6"), and the proposed contracts covered 18 mows per lot for the season.

Motion to approve contracts for the 2022 City of Peoria and Peoria County Trustee Vacant Lot Mowing Program and award contracts, in the total amount not to exceed \$531,755.10 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(22-115)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a  
\*\*      Request to APPROVE CONTRACTS for the 2022 FACILITIES,  
         BOULEVARDS & RIGHTS-OF-WAY MOWING PROGRAM (Bid #11-22) and  
         Award Contracts, in the Total Amount not to Exceed \$117,630.00. (All  
         Council Districts)**

Council Member Jackson reiterated her concern regarding improved clean-up after mowing, and she asked Director Powers about the maximum of 18 mows per lot outlined in the contracts. Director Powers said the contractors mowed as frequently as necessary to meet the six-inch grass length standard while adhering to the 18 mows. He said a contract amendment would be presented for Council's approval if the weather caused increased grass growth that necessitated more than 18 mows in a season.

Council Member Oyler said he would abstain from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest in that he had a business relationship with one of the contractors.

Council Member Jackson moved to approve contracts for the 2022 Facilities, Boulevards & Rights-of-Way Mowing Program and award contracts, in the total amount not to exceed \$117,630.00; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Oyler - 1.

**(22-116)      Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a  
\*\*\*      Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class I (assembly  
         hall/stadium) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at the  
         EXPOSITION GARDENS, INC., D/B/A EXPO GARDENS, 1601 W.  
         NORTHMOOR ROAD, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission  
         to Approve. (Council District 4)**

Council Member Riggerbach said even though he intended to defer this item, he noted the innovative thinking of the Exposition Gardens Board of Directors for their use of the facility. He asked how this application would compare to other Class I Liquor Licenses in the City, and what restrictions could be implemented regarding hours of operation, number of events per year, and other considerations. Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Kapustka said there were four Class I Liquor Licenses currently issued and she would Report Back to the Council regarding their restrictions or limitations, if any.



Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this item to the April 26, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Council Member Allen moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Rob Murphy, Secretary-Treasurer of Exposition Gardens, Inc., and Erica Abenroth, an Exposition Gardens, Inc. Board Member, to provide additional details regarding their Site Application.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ali granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Murphy and Ms. Abenroth.

Rob Murphy said temporary Liquor Licenses had been issued for Exposition Gardens events over many years, noting the paperwork and lengthy process had discouraged some promoters and event coordinators from booking their facility. He said Exposition Gardens wanted to offer more options for their customers, and he emphasized their history of collaboration with the Peoria Police Department. He discussed their increased business during the pandemic due to other facilities being closed, and he outlined the training received by Staff in order to serve alcohol at Exposition Gardens.

In response to Council Member Cyr regarding the effect of a deferral on any upcoming events, Mr. Murphy stated a deferral would not hinder any existing scheduled plans.

Council Member Allen said, instead of restricting venues attempting to recover from the pandemic, he asked the Council to consider Mr. Murphy's comments regarding the Exposition Garden's desire to offer additional options to their customers and allow for flexibility in hours of operations during different events. He noted both the Peoria Police Department and the Liquor Commission supported this application.

In response to Mayor Ali regarding leasing their facility with options to sell alcohol, Mr. Murphy said in the past it meant obtaining a temporary Liquor License through a non-profit organization. He said acquiring a Class I Liquor License would allow alcohol sales to become a revenue stream for the Exposition Gardens.

Motion to defer the Site Application for a Class I Liquor License with the retail sale of alcohol at the Exposition Gardens, Inc., 1601 W. Northmoor Road, to the April 26, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Allen - 1.

*CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be placed on the April 26, 2022, Regular City Council Agenda.*

**(22-118)      Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller  
\*\*\*\*      with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended February 28, 2022,  
                 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Council Member Cyr asked about the differences between the February 2022 financial report and the January 2022 financial report, including the current year expenditures, state income tax revenues, state revenue sources, and the City Manager's Budget. Finance Director Kyle Cratty explained the one-time expenditures, the lag time to account for receipts from the state, corrections made to the report, and the Business Recovery Loan Program had all attributed to the differences in the report. Council Member Cyr requested line items representing the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and Stormwater Utility Fees to be included in subsequent reports to monitor the progress of those funds and projects.



Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the month ended February 28, 2022, Unaudited Financial Report; seconded by Council Member Velpula.

Council Member Ruckriegel said a trend of increasing material and labor costs was manifesting for both public and private projects, and he asked for a project forecast to include price increases. He also requested an updated list of Capital Projects in order to prioritize them in case of depleted funds. City Manager Patrick Urich said he would provide a Report Back to the Council.

Discussions were held regarding the usefulness of the newly formatted financial report. Council Member Kelly asked if Capital Improvement Project information was available on the website for citizens to access by project names, data, timeline, and progress of ongoing projects. Director Powers said a public-facing software program would become available soon utilizing existing GIS maps outlining City projects, plans, budgets, revenue sources, and start/end dates.

Motion to receive and file the month ended February 28, 2022, Unaudited Financial Report was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

#### **FIRST READINGS:**

**(22-119)      Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to RECEIVE AND FILE a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 18, Article IV, Subsections 97 and 103, of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Regarding VIDEO GAMING FEES.**

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Kapustka said the Code of the City of Peoria set Video Gaming Terminal Fees at \$500.00 per terminal, equally split between the local establishment and terminal operators; and, in addition, charged a \$1,000.00 fee to the terminal operators for each machine. She said in December 2021, the Illinois State Legislature changed the Video Gaming Act to establish all fees equally shared between the local establishments and the terminal operators that required the City to amend the set fee structure. She discussed inconsistencies in the State's legislation regarding the Home Rule language and the impact of establishing a flat registration fee of \$500.00.

After noting the State's decision would adversely affect local business owners, Council Member Jensen asked how other municipalities were proceeding with the changes and if any initiatives were being taken to exclude the applicability of the fee equality mandate. Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka said Peoria was one of a few municipalities in the State with a separate licensing fee for operators and terminal operators. She noted the model Ordinance provided by the Illinois Municipal League (IML) included the same \$500 flat registration fee proposed by Staff.

Council Member Ruckriegel said he was surprised the State Legislature approved these changes when it was a local concern, especially since it negatively impacted small businesses. He said it was a mandated change, and he asked for a Report Back detailing the Video Gaming Fees of other municipalities that were similar in size to Peoria.

Interim Corporation Counsel Kapustka reviewed previous Council discussions about setting Video Gaming Fees, and she explained the reasons why the State decided to amend its Video



Gaming Fee structure. She said because of the impact on local businesses, Staff recommended the \$500.00 flat registration fee to offset the effect. In response to Council Member Jensen regarding alternative proposals such as a sliding fee scale, she said she would confer with Finance Director Kyle Cratty regarding alternative fee structures.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file a first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 18, Article IV, Subsections 97 and 103, of the Code of the City of Peoria, regarding Video Gaming Fees; seconded by Council Member Allen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 22-119 will be placed on the April 26, 2022, City Council Agenda.*

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

- (22-120) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE A RESOLUTION Amending Resolution No. 18-073-A Setting Fees for the Peoria Combined and Sanitary Sewer District Increasing the CITY'S SANITARY SEWER LATERAL FEE from 1.2735/CCF to 1.3028/CCF Effective May 1, 2022.**

City Manager Patrick Urich said this item was regarding the lateral fee portion of the sewer bill for properties serviced by the City-owned sewer system, noting it was used to fund maintenance, repairs, and operations of the sewer. He said the increase would be just over \$0.50 per quarter instead of \$1.75, as outlined in the Council Communication

In response to Council Member Cyr regarding the City's Sanitary Sewer Lateral Fee increases over the last five (5) years, City Manager Urich said the current rate for the City-owned sewer system was \$63.09, compared to the Greater Peoria Sanitary District's (GPSD) rate of \$71.34. He said the City's rate was gradually increasing in order to avoid a sharp rate increase when the City-owned sewers are transferred to GPSD jurisdiction in the future. Council Member Cyr asked for a Report Back detailing rate increases over the last six years.

Council Member Jensen asked what would happen if this Resolution was not approved and when the last increase was implemented. City Manager Urich said maintenance costs were increasing and eventually funds would run out to facilitate them. He discussed changes to the Sewer Fees which were approved by Council in 2021.

In response to Council Member Kelly regarding the City's Sewer Fee rate compared to the GPSD Sewer Fee rate, City Manager Urich said the rates had not been equal for over the last ten years. He said the City was gradually increasing fees so they would more closely match GPSD rates when they obtained jurisdiction of the City-owned sewer system.

Discussions were held regarding the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) fee, how those funds were used for sewer improvement projects, and the yearly Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan application and approval.

Council Member Allen asked if the fee increase would sunset and if funds from the Operations Budget would be used. City Manager Urich said the increase was fixed and only funds from the



Sewer Budget would be used, drawing down on reserves and getting Council approval for additional increases.

Council Member Riggerbach said the City's Sanitary Sewer Lateral Fee was to fund operations and maintenance of City-owned sanitary and combined sewers. He said before the jurisdiction could be transferred to GPSD, the system had to meet a standard and the Council could not afford to neglect maintaining the sewer system.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve a Resolution amending Resolution No. 18-073-A setting fees for the Peoria Combined and Sanitary Sewer District increasing the City's Sanitary Sewer Lateral Fee from 1.2735/CCF to 1.3028/CCF effective May 1, 2022; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-120 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Allen, Jackson, Jensen, Kelly, Riggerbach, Velpula, Mayor Ali – 7;

Nays: Cyr, Oyler, Ruckriegel – 3.

**(22-121) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to RECEIVE AND FILE a REPORT Regarding NON-OWNER OCCUPIED REGISTRATION.**

Director of Community Development Joe Dulin discussed the history of the Non-Owner Occupied Registration Program and its effect on rental conditions in the community. He compared the original program requirements to the current program, noting inspections were eliminated almost twenty years ago with Staff reductions. He said the registration program was implemented to promote communication between renters, City Staff, community organizations, and landlords, to address concerns and educate about available programs. He said while the registration program was successful and alleviated some of the gaps left after inspections were eliminated, regular inspections were a best practice in communities across the country.

Council Member Kelly thanked Director Dulin for the comprehensive report, noting the data did not exist to answer his original inquiry for a comparison of the state of rental properties in Peoria in 1995 versus present day in order to ascertain the effectiveness of the Non-Owner Occupied Registration Program. He said it was unfortunate inspections were eliminated, and he said he wanted to set up a meeting with Community Development and community leaders to determine solutions for rental property improvements, especially in older neighborhoods.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Kelly moved to receive and file a Report regarding Non-Owner Occupied Registration; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Council Member Jensen said the Legal Department located court records related to the condition of rental properties in Peoria around 1995, and the information could be retrieved for the Council to review. She said she was willing to participate in efforts to improve rental properties in Peoria.

Council Member Jackson noted the importance of improving rental property conditions in the community and how reinstating inspections could be part of the solution. Director Dulin said Staff continued to engage community organizations and neighborhood associations to bridge gaps and build relationships in order to address concerns and hold landlords accountable for sub-standard conditions of rental properties. He implored citizens to call the Community Development Department to report issues so they could be addressed. He reviewed procedures for addressing different levels of improper living.



Council Member Velpula asked if mapping violations could help Staff focus on areas of greatest concern in the City. Director Dulin explained how the 2020 census tracts data provided for funding to address concerns using the American Rescue Plan (ARP), and progress with addressing sub-standard housing through collaboration with the County regarding evaluating properties set to be auctioned.

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

Yeas: Allen, Cyr, Jackson, Jensen, 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)**

- (22-105)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from Staff, with No Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission, to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Existing Special Use Ordinance No. 9,126, as amended, in a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) for CHURCH FACILITIES to Rebuild the Sanctuary Building and New Bell Tower for the Property Located at 10811 N. KNOXVILLE AVENUE (Parcel Identification Nos. 09-29-177-002 and 09-29-326-001), Peoria, IL.**

City Manager Patrick Urich said Staff was still in conference with the Catholic Dioceses regarding this item and he requested a two-week deferral.

Council Member Cyr moved to defer this item to the April 26, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Allen.

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

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

Nays: None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Knoxville Avenue and War Memorial Drive IDOT Road Improvement Projects**

Council Member Riggerbach reviewed plans Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) proposed for the reconstruction of the area of Knoxville Avenue and War Memorial Drive, noting funding was not yet allocated for the project. He detailed some of the proposed construction, commenting some of the citizens were not in favor of some of the proposed options because they included the demolition of historic properties and provided unsightly and obtrusive structures. He said additional plans should be drafted to better address the concerns of that intersection and he noted it would be years before any construction would begin.



**National Community Development Week**

Council Member Riggerbach said April 11-15 was 2022 National Community Development Week. He reviewed the ways the Peoria Community Development Department benefitted the community, and he recognized the passionate efforts of Staff to improve Peoria's service to citizens. He said on Thursday April 14, 2022, at 3:30 P.M., City Staff and citizens would meet at the East Bluff Community Center for another Community Clean Up event.

**Journal Star Reporter Farewell**

Council Member Kelly said Chris Kaergard had worked for the Peoria Journal Star as a reporter and he was moving on to a new opportunity. He wished him luck and thanked him for his work reporting the news to the citizens of Peoria.

**Panhandling Safety Concerns**

Council Member Ruckriegel asked City Manager Ulrich to bring an item for the Council to address safety concerns regarding panhandlers in the City. He said previous discussions revealed legal limitations, but he said it was a safety concern that required attention and action by the Council. He described examples of citizens in the middle of the road, standing or sitting on narrow medians in heavy traffic, and cases of panhandlers striking vehicles. He asked for a Report Back on the situation and ways the Council can address the safety concerns.

Mayor Ali said she concurred with Council Member Ruckriegel that action was required to address safety concerns regarding panhandlers.

In response to Council Member Jensen's inquiry on Police response efforts on panhandling, City Manager Ulrich said he directed the Police Officers to relocate panhandlers from medians to safer corners, and he said there were plans to post signage at frequented dangerous intersections. He said panhandling was protected freedom of speech that presented regulation challenges.

Discussions were held regarding how response measures differed for physical, violent, or dangerous conduct by panhandlers compared to passive behavior.

Council Member Ruckriegel said while he appreciated the efforts of Police Officers, they have extensive duties that necessitated a different response plan to address panhandler concerns.

**Child Abuse Awareness Month**

Council Member Allen said on April 16, 2022, in Donovan Park, the Pediatric Resource Center is hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Kick Abuse 5K Run/Walk event to raise funds and promote their causes, including preventative and reactionary child abuse concerns.

**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:

Diana Gutman, a concerned citizen of Peoria, said she and her husband moved to Peoria a year ago, and she said she agreed with discussions earlier that evening that panhandling was a safety concern for both panhandlers and drivers. She said she believed panhandlers felt misunderstood and she offered recommendations to compassionately address their needs, including composing a community task force.



ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body; 2(c)(11), litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; and 2(c)(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.

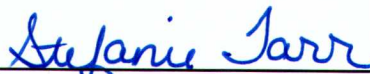
Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting to Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body; 2(c)(11), litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; and 2(c)(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 Oyler.

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

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

Nays: None.

The Regular Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.



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

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