



**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**



**TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager** 

**DATE: October 29, 2020**

**SUBJECT: Issues Update**

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

**Meeting of the Peoria City Council and Peoria County Board on Joint Commission**

The Peoria City Council and Peoria County Board will vote on forming a Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity at a special virtual joint meeting of both bodies on Thursday, October 29, at 6 p.m. The agenda may be found at <https://peoriail.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

The public is invited and encouraged to watch the proceedings online or through public access. The meeting will be live-streamed on the city of Peoria's YouTube page (<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofpeoriatv>) and broadcast through local Channel 22. In addition, Peoria County will endeavor to share this stream on its Facebook page (

<https://www.facebook.com/peoriacountygov>

A graphic with a black border. The top half is white and contains the text "Formation of the Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity" in a serif font. To the right of this text are two logos: the City of Peoria logo and the Peoria County seal. The bottom half of the graphic is a solid blue rectangle containing the text "Virtual joint meeting of the PEORIA CITY COUNCIL and PEORIA COUNTY BOARD" in a white serif font, followed by "Thursday, October 29 • 6:00 p.m." in a smaller white font.

### **Community Development—2021 CDBG Public Services Application Available on Monday, Nov. 2**

The application period for 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services funding will open at 8:00 AM on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and close at 3:00 PM on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The city of Peoria receives CDBG funding each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Up to 15% of the annual funding amount can be used to fund public service programs serving low- and moderate-income persons.

This year, approximately \$250,000 of funding is available to not-for-profits, 501(c)3 organizations, and government agencies to provide services to low- and moderate-income persons. Eligible applications will be reviewed by the CDBG Public Services Advisory Commission and agencies will be notified of funding decisions following City Council approval.

Interested organizations are encouraged to attend one hour-long online application training session. City staff will offer the online application training sessions at two different times: Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM and Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Log-in information for the online application training sessions is available at <http://www.peoriagov.org/community-development/neighborhood-development-division/>. A recording of one of the training sessions will be made available online on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> for anyone unable to attend the live training sessions.

For more information on CDBG Public Services funding, please contact Grants Coordinator Cassie Belter at [cbelter@peoriagov.org](mailto:cbelter@peoriagov.org) or 309-369-2060.

### **Community Development—Tireless Project**

The Tireless Project will hold its monthly collection of unwanted tires on Saturday, October 31st. The collection site is located at JIMAX, 2000 W Clark Street, Peoria, IL 61607 and is open to city of Peoria residents only. The hours of collection are 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM but may end earlier if the trailer reaches its capacity of 1,000 tires.

Please note the following restrictions to the drop-off:

- The first ten tires are collected at no cost to the customer.
- Every additional tire is \$1.00 per tire.
- The Tireless Project is limited to city of Peoria residents.
- Customers must have proof of residency in the form of a driver's license, state ID, property tax statement.
- Businesses are prohibited from participating.
- No tires with rims will be accepted.
- Only passenger and truck tires 17" or less will be accepted.
- No oversized, commercial, or agricultural tires will be accepted.

Abandoned and unwanted tires cause a nuisance and pose a risk to the health and safety of residents. Improperly discarded tires can harbor disease carrying pests such as mosquitos and rodents and contribute to blight in neighborhoods. The Tireless Project offers Peoria residents a free and responsible way to dispose of unwanted tires.

## **Economic Development— City Council approves budget set aside to facilitate Business Recovery Grant**

### **Peoria Business Recovery Loan Program**

On Tuesday, October 27, 2020, the Peoria City Council approved a budget of \$1,185,000 to provide direct payments in the form of grants to local area businesses. The allocated amount is required as support for Economic Supports Payments Grant Program application. The Local CURE's Economic Support Payments Grant Program provides grant funding on a reimbursement basis to local municipalities providing direct payments to local businesses.



## **CITY OF PEORIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The City of Peoria has established the **Peoria Business Recovery Grant** Program to take advantage of available funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Business Recovery Grant has been developed to specifically provide financial support for small businesses based on **Business Sustainability, Business Capacity Building and Business Transformation** efforts during the pandemic. Businesses with losses related to COVID-19 that incurred expenses related to any of the efforts listed above should apply for reimbursement of the related expenses. The actions by City Council clears the final hurdle for funding this program.

These new funds will provide more capital for businesses adversely affected by COVID-19. The City would also have a greater capacity to support social and economically disadvantaged business enterprises. The program seeks to preserve and create jobs by making capital more accessible.

For more information on this and other incentives you can contact Economic Development via email @ [economicdevelopment@peoriagov.org](mailto:economicdevelopment@peoriagov.org) or by phone at 309 494-8640

### **Peoria Fire Department**



Illinois American Water Company awarded The Peoria Fire/Rescue Department \$1000 as part of their Firefighter Assistance Grant Program. Peoria Firefighter/Paramedics will use these funds to purchase CPR mannequins that provide data regarding the quality of the CPR being performed. This valuable information will help Peoria firefighter/paramedics continue to be one of the tops in the nation regarding patient pre- hospital cardiac arrest survival rates. These mannequins will also be used to train hands-only CPR to police officers, neighborhood associations and citizens in the community.

### **Peoria Police Department- A New Hat**

Sergeant Ron Hartzell has worn many hats at the Peoria Police Department over the past 20 years and now he officially gets to add another: retired! Sgt Hartzell has held many different positions including working in the Criminal Investigations Division - Violent Crimes as both a detective and then again as a sergeant, Patrol Operations Field Training Officer training new recruits, Street Crimes Unit, Information Sergeant, and Firearms Instructor.

Congratulations to Sgt Hartzell and enjoy!



## **Peoria Public Schools – Update from Superintendent Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat**

WCTC presents A Taste of Professionalism

About three dozen Woodruff Career and Technical Center (WCTC) cosmetology, hairbraiding and barbering students spent Wednesday cycling through presentations to improve employment soft skills at the school's first Taste of Professionalism event.

The event was a team effort between the barbering, cosmetology and hairbraiding faculty and the school's Career Center staff.



Career Center staff members Sarah Chapman, Dennis Bailey and Brittany Bush coached students on the best way to answer common interview questions, splitting students into teams of two to practice their answers. Hairbraiding teacher Lacy Simmons gave a presentation on projecting a professional image. Barbering teacher Shon Allen, along with guest speakers from A Sharp Effect Hair Salon and Presidential Cuts, spoke to students on professional dress. Cosmetology teacher Shaniqua Parks spoke to students about financial planning. Each student had a professional head shot taken by volunteer Denise Jackson with help from Barbering teacher Jorelle Glass.

The event continues Thursday with another group of WCTC students.

While teaching hard skills specific to professional fields, WCTC programs also focus on developing communication and other soft skills to enable students to enter the workforce upon high school graduation. This is particularly crucial for the success of cosmetology, barbering and hairbraiding students – professions that depend on growing a loyal clientele by providing outstanding personal customer service and projecting a professional image and appearance.

As we announced earlier this month, Peoria Public Schools has received a \$662,552 Illinois Community Youth Grant (CYEP) to develop employment and internship opportunities to increase students' work-based learning. Developing students' job ready soft skills will help ensure their success.

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October 29, 2020

Serve passionately,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

**Community Development Weekly Report**

Please see attached.

**Peoria Cares Monthly Report**

Please see attached.

# WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

## CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Date: 10/28/2020**

This summary document is produced on a weekly basis. It is used as an agenda for the City Development Review Board and as a transparency tool to allow the public to be aware of development in Peoria.

### 1. Summary Information

- **One Stop Shop** is held every Monday at 1:30 PM in City Hall. This is a free service for anyone who wants to discuss development with staff from various City departments, local utility companies, the Health Department, and CityLink.
- **Development Center Permits** can typically be issued immediately and/or do not require an extensive review period. These permits include most trade (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.) permits, repair permits, new single-family residential construction, alteration/additions, and demolitions.
- Each permit application includes a self-reported value of the project. The **Total Value of Development (YTD)** is the sum of these reported values.

	This Week	YTD
One Stop Shop Customers	1	25
Development Center Permits Issued	24	1,493
Total Value of Development (YTD)	\$ 1,380,000	\$ 154,569,089

### 2. Development Review Board Projects

- The **Development Review Board** is a group of City staff, local utility representatives, and other local government agencies that review and comment on more complex development applications and cases that are required to go to a public hearing.
- A **Job** is a development application that requires multiple departments to review for compliance but does not require a public hearing or City Council review.
- A **Project** is a development application that requires multiple departments to review for compliance and requires a public hearing before a City Commission and in some cases, a final decision by the City Council.
- The **Staff Assigned** to each Job or Project is the primary contact person for any inquires.

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
COM-001561-2020	6915 N. Allen Rd 14-07-332-016	Commercial Alterations	Ext Alteration/ Picnic Shelter	5	LA
RES-001570-2020	5728 W. Brookmere St 13-03-253-012	Residential Alterations	Solar Panels-Moxie Solar	5	LA
COM-001562-2020	6035 N. Knoxville Ave 14-16-327-008	Commercial Alteration	Interior Alt–Keller Station Offices	3	KW

#### Additional Activity

- These projects are not subject to review by the Development Review Board.

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
Job 20-1549	5901 N. Prospect 14-16-452-040	Sign	Wall sign – Santa Rosa	3	KW

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**3. Certificates of Occupancy Issued**

- **Certificates of Occupancy** are issued after the work authorized by a permit has been inspected and substantially meets all applicable codes and regulations.

Address	Type	Business Name	Council District
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**4. Peoria City/County Health Department License Information**

- The **Peoria City/County Health Department** licenses multiple types of food establishments. The information in this table is provided for informational purposes only.

Address	Business Name	Description	Council District
1001 SW Washington	Gone Ax Throwing	Major Remodel Plans appears to have added air fryer, prep tables, installed dish machine, and commercial ice machines. Also, added many menu items	1

- The following table provides contact information for the **Community Development Staff** who are typically assigned to manage development applications.

<b>Community Development Department Staff Contact Information</b>			
Leah Allison (LA) Senior Urban Planner	494-8667	Kimberly Smith (KS) Senior Urban Planner	494-8612
Josh Naven (JN) Senior Urban Planner	494-8657	Kerilyn Weick (KW) Senior Urban Planner	494-8606
Craig Reid (CR) Building Inspector	494-8925	Wes Stickelmaier (WS) Building Inspections Coordinator	494-8608
Rich Storm (RS) Plumbing Inspector	494-8632	Matt Ziller (MZ) Building Inspector	494-8628

# *Peoria Cares*

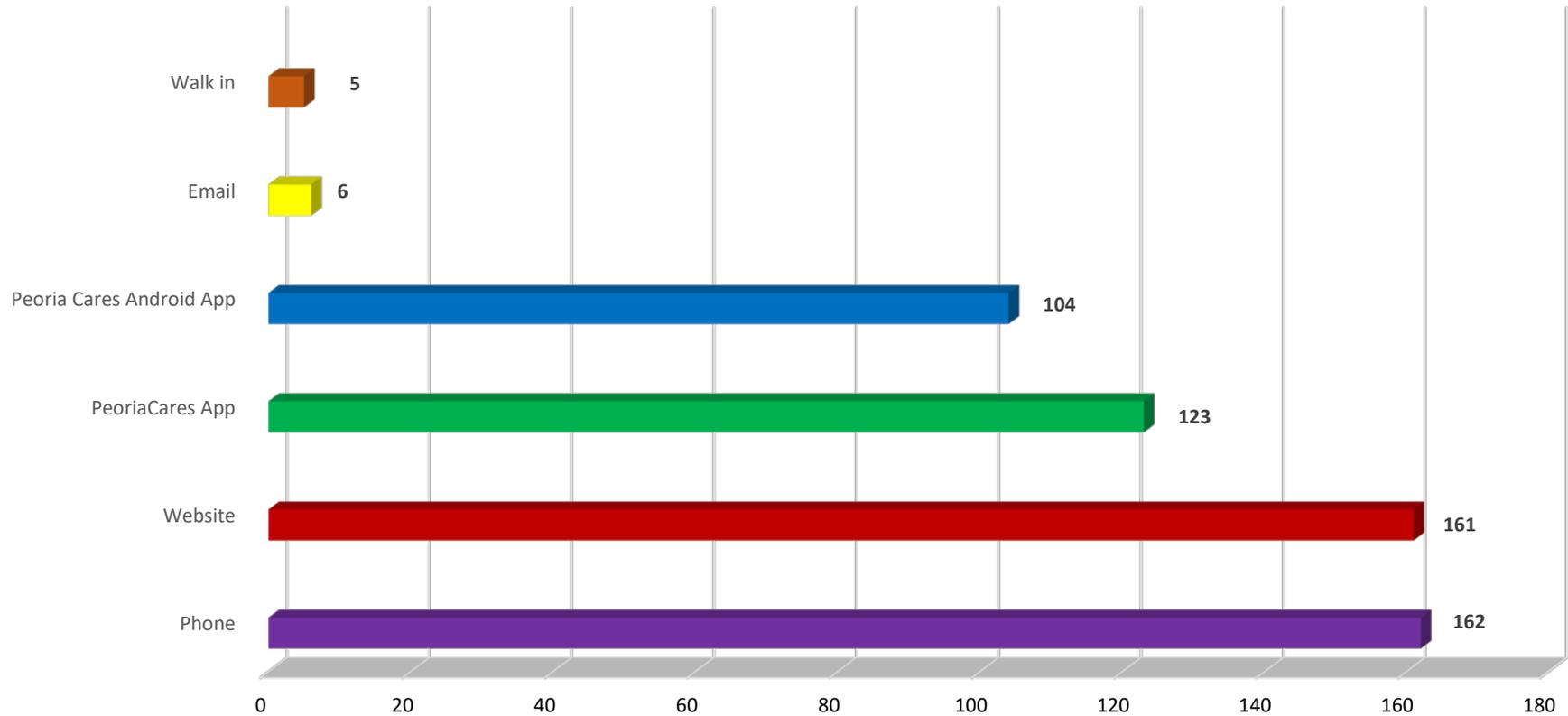


## *2020 Monthly Report*



***From: The Office of the City Manager  
Presented to: City of Peoria, Mayor and Council Members  
Tuesday, October 27, 2020***

## Peoria Cares Communication Transactions During the Month of September 2020

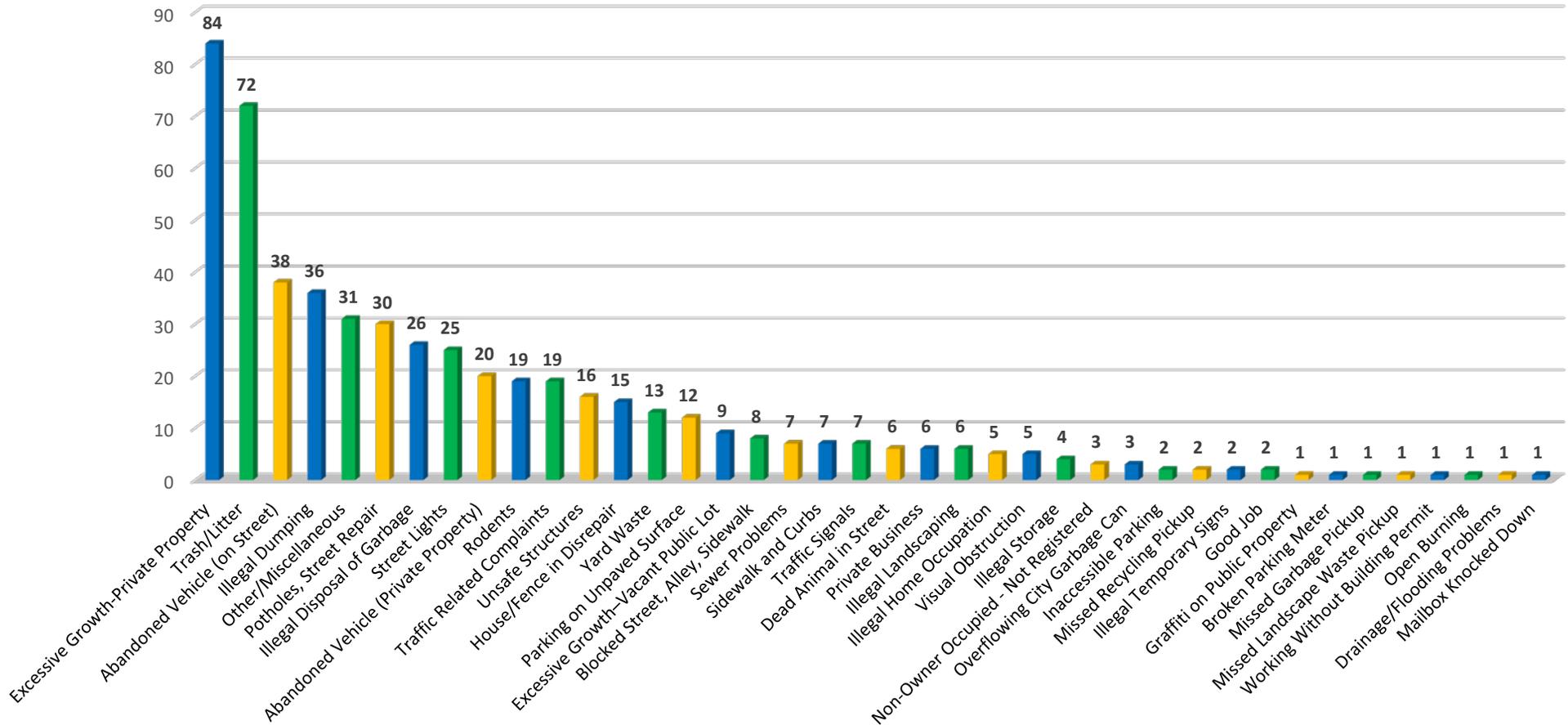


In September, a total of 1,075 calls were received from the Peoria Cares phone line. There were 162 phone calls that generated a Peoria Cares case. The cases were sent to the appropriate City Department(s). Each department handled the complaint from start to finish. Every call will always receive an optimum level of customer service; during this time period, there were calls that varied in response. In addition, some of the Peoria Cares phone calls required, research and information gathering for other assistance and services offered, in the Greater Peoria Tri-County Communities.

\*Please note, September PubWorks information is provided at the end of this monthly report.



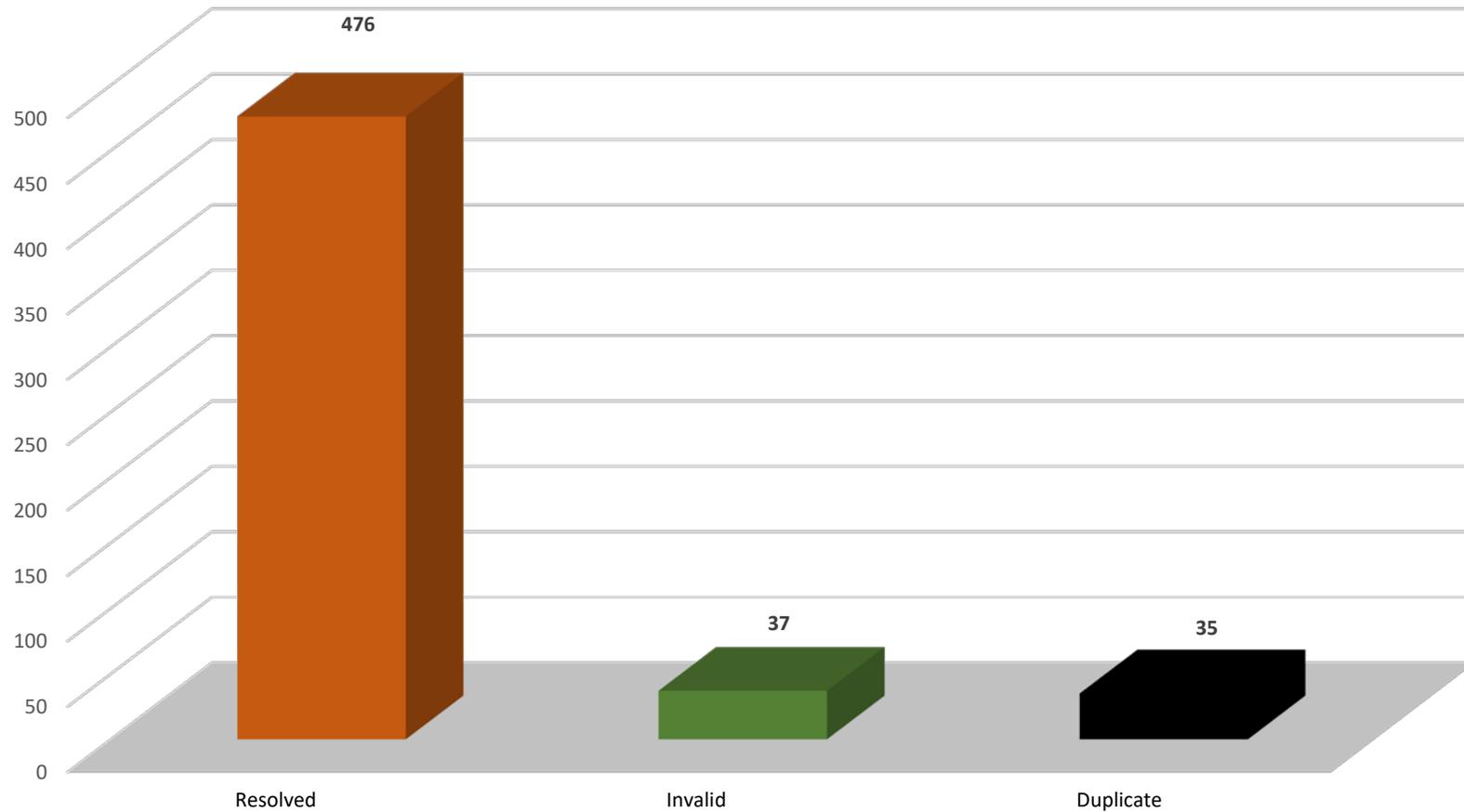
## Peoria Cares September 2020 Complaints by Category



There was a total of 548 Peoria Cares complaints that were submitted in the month of September. These complaints have been drilled down and categorized to indicate their status.



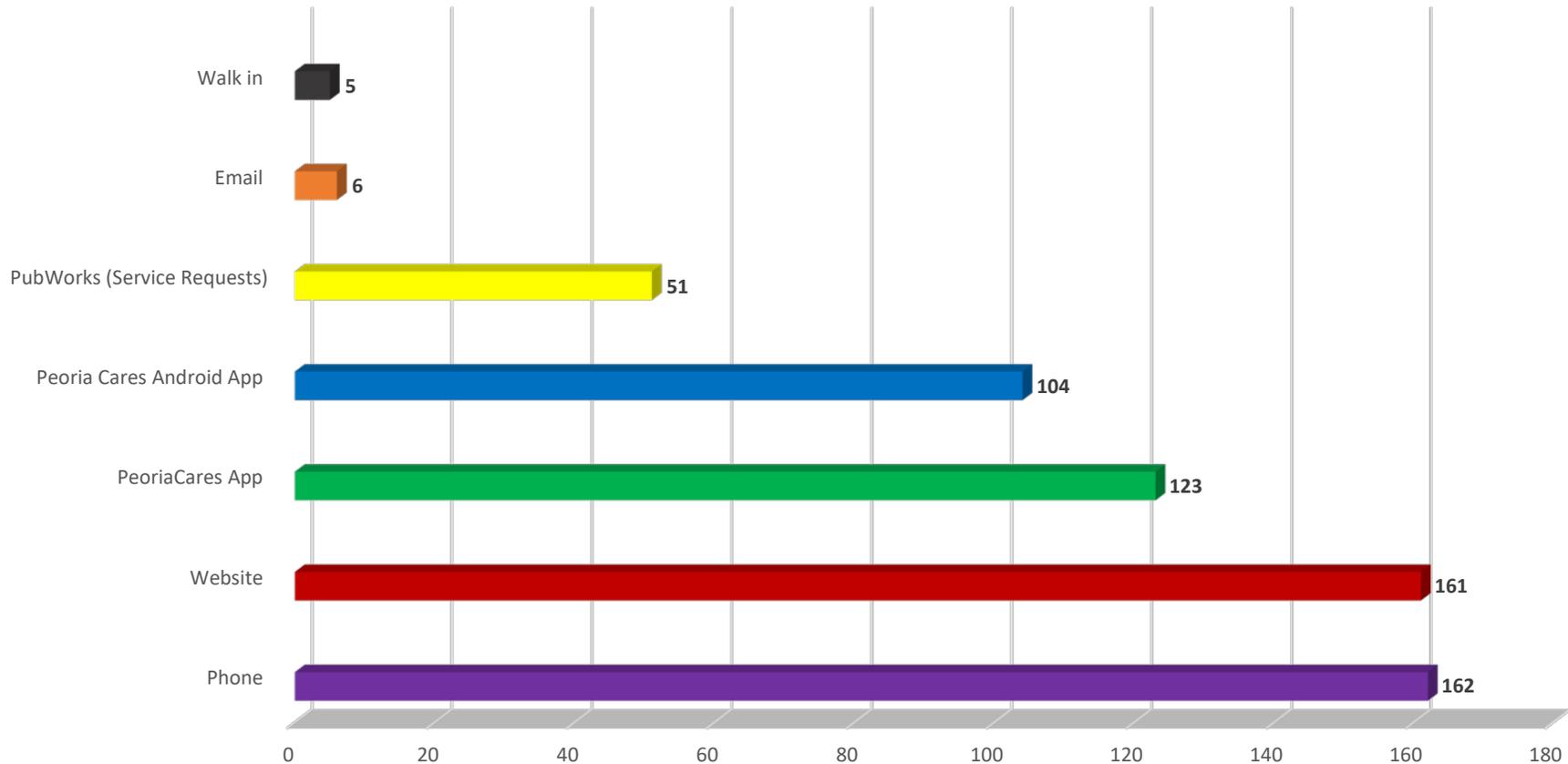
## Peoria Cares September 2020 Complaint Status



Out of the 548 Peoria Cares complaints, there are zero unresolved complaints. Each month, our goal is to follow-up with all departments unresolved complaints, to ensure we can quickly respond to each citizen's needs.



## Peoria Cares Communication Transactions During the Month of September 2020



In September, a total of 1,075 calls were received from the Peoria Cares phone line. There were 162 phone calls that generated a Peoria Cares and 51 phone calls that produced service requests. The cases were sent to the appropriate City Department(s). Each department handled the complaint from start to finish. Every call will always receive an optimum level of customer service; during this time period, there were calls that varied in response. In addition, some of the Peoria Cares phone calls required, research and information gathering for other assistance and services offered, in the Greater Peoria Tri-County Communities.

