



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*
DATE: October 26, 2023
SUBJECT: Issues Update

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

Peoria Housing Authority and City of Peoria Awarded the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant



The City of Peoria and Peoria Housing Authority held a joint press conference on October 26 to announce the award of a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The \$500,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will support community-based strategies to create a

Transformation Plan centered on Harrison Homes residents and inclusive of the surrounding 61605 community. The Transformation Plan is a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan that addresses housing, resident needs, and neighborhood goals. Creating a Transformation Plan will allow the City of Peoria and the Peoria Housing Authority to pursue future development funding and bring Harrison Homes residents' vision to life.

Mayor Ali celebrated the grant award, stating, "The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant is an opportunity for the community to provide their input for a shared vision for the future of

Harrison Homes and the neighborhood. This grant is a crucial step towards building momentum and creating bright futures for people living in and around Harrison Homes.”

Under the leadership of Peoria Housing Authority’s Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Armeca Crawford, PHA has made significant progress towards rejuvenating Central Illinois’ public housing. PHA has been awarded approximately \$4 million in operational and developmental grant funding, including the Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant.

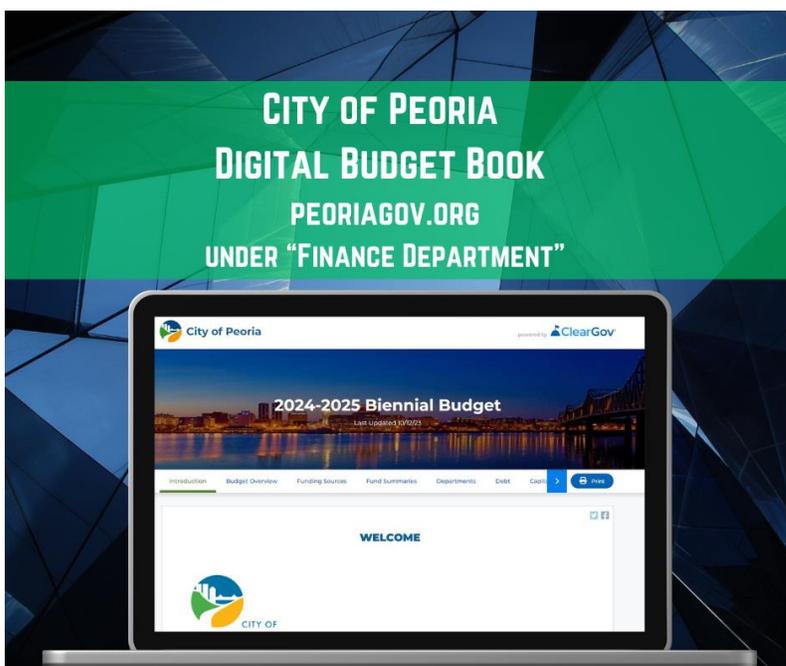
The two-year Planning Grant will allow the Peoria Housing Authority and the City of Peoria to work directly with residents and stakeholders to build capacity for a plan that improves the quality of life for residents and brings new amenities to the neighborhood.

“We are most excited to amplify our Harrison Homes residents’ voices and those of the surrounding community to create the best future for our housing, neighborhoods, and families,” stated CEO Armeca Crawford.

City of Peoria Introduces Online Digital Budget Book

Ahead of this year’s budget deliberations, the city of Peoria released the [digital budget book](#). This online resource will allow users to see financial information on the City’s operating budget, personnel expenses, department spending, capital improvement projects and timelines, and more. Visitors will also have access to funding sources and fund summaries.

The budget dashboard was announced by Finance Director Kyle Cratty at the October 10 City Council meeting. Director Cratty noted, “This is the first year we are using an online budget



transparency tool. This is a live, interactive tool on our website so the Council and the community can have access to the same information in what I hope is a more accessible transparent format.”

Information pertaining to the budget can also be found on the [city of Peoria website](#). This page will include presentations made

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at City Council meetings and report-backs to the City Council. The initial review of the biennial budget is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The City Council will meet every Tuesday until the passage of the biennial budget. The budget must be passed and filed with the County Clerk by the last Tuesday in December.

Community Development - City Hall-O-Ween: Friday, October 27 | 3:30 PM – 5 PM

Join us for the fourth annual City Hall-O-Ween. Everyone is welcome to join the fun at Peoria City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, IL 61602.

City Hall will be decorated, and staff will hand out candy and food-free Halloween treats to attendees. This is a great opportunity to meet the people who provide service to the Peoria community every day and explore Peoria’s historic City Hall.

For more information about Trash-Or-Treat and City Hall-O-Ween, please contact Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea at 309-494-8624 or [by email](#).



Community Development Staff Engaged with Community Members at the Reducing Violence in 61603 Community Forum



On Thursday, October 19 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Community Development staff attended the Reducing Violence in 61603 community forum at the East Bluff Community Center. Staff spoke to community members about the services we offer and our grant opportunities.

For more information, please contact Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea at 309-494-8624 or [by email](#).

Community Development Hosts Annual “Trash or Treat” Clean Up Event



On Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Community Development staff and their families held a clean-up in the West Bluff for trick-or-treaters. Over 30 bags of trash were traded in for candy and treats.

For more information on “Trash or Treat”, or on future community cleanup events, please contact Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea at 309-494-8624 or [by email](#).



Operation SOS, (Serving Our Seniors) Thursday, October 19, 2023

Community residents of Southside Manor were treated to a BIG lunch with all the fixings, courtesy of the Peoria Police Department's Neighborhood Services Unit on October 19.

The residents were served fried chicken, smothered chicken, greens, yams, macaroni & cheese, caramel cake, and peach cobbler. This kind gesture celebrated our senior community members.



Murray Baker Bridge Lighting Dates Available for 2024

The available dates to light up the iconic Murray Baker Bridge for the 2024 year are now available on the City's website. The available dates can be found on the [Murray Baker Bridge Lighting page](#). Dates also remain for the rest of 2023. The lighting program is a unique way to celebrate a birthday or wedding anniversary or raise awareness for a public event or cause. There are over 30 different color combinations to choose from. The cost is \$200 per evening and \$150 for non-profit organizations with a five-evening maximum. Terms of the Murray Baker Bridge Lighting Program can be found on the [application](#).



Peoria Public Schools Update



On Monday, October 23rd, Peoria Public Schools transitioned to the third mindset within our newly adopted 7 Mindset curriculum - We are Connected. Until December 1st, students, staff, and parents will be exploring different ways to embrace everyone, build their dream team,

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maximize positive relationships and lead with value! Community members and organizations are encouraged to join us in uplifting students with the 7 Mindsets.

With Gratitude,

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Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Ed.D

Community Development Weekly Report

- Please see attached.

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 10/25/2023

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	0	42
Development Center Permits Issued	63	2700
Total Value of Development	\$ 1,706,563	\$ 147,337,209

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.
- Items listed below with the prefixes HPC, PZC or ZBA in the first column are considered **Plans**. **Plans** are development applications that require multiple departments to review for compliance and include a public hearing before a City Commission; in some cases, **Plans** may also require a final decision by the City Council.
- All other items listed below are **Building Permits**. **Building Permits** are development applications that require multiple departments to review for compliance but do not require a public hearing or City Council review.
- The **Staff Assigned** to each item is the primary contact person for any inquires.

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
COM-10620-2023	708 W Glen Ave	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. – Bloody Mary Brunch Company	3	KW
COM-10646-2023	1114 SW Jefferson Ave	Commercial Alteration	Int./Ext. Alt. – Peoria Rescue Ministries	1	JN
COM-10617-2023	100 Lorentz Ave	New Commercial	New chemical building – Illinois American Water	3	KW
COM-10649-2023	4600 N Brandywine Dr	Commercial Alteration	Int./Ext. Alt. – Cannabis Dispensary	2	JN
COM-10601-2023	5901 N Prospect Rd	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. – Artemis Peoria	5	JR
MULT-10658-2023	401 SW Water St	Multi-Family Alteration	Int. Alt. – Water Street Condo #710	2	JN
ZBA-1602-2023	3416 N Knoxville Ave	Zoning Board of Appeals	Minor Variance for a Fence	3	JN

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Additional Activity

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

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
SIGN-10644-2023	1616 W Pioneer Pkwy	Permanent Sign	Install one wall sign – Envision Insurance Co.	5	JR
SIGN-10647-2023	615 NE Jefferson Ave	Permanent Sign	Install three wall signs – Catholic Charities	3	KW
SIGN-10660-2023	5201 W War Memorial Dr #527	Permanent Sign	Install one wall sign – The Nailspace	4	JR
SIGN-10661-2023	5201 W War Memorial Dr #532	Permanent Sign	Install one wall sign – The Wellspace	4	JR

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. Land Bank Activity

- The **City Land Bank** acquires properties to hold for future development, it transfers properties to new owners when possible, and it demolishes unsafe and abandoned structures to reduce blight in the community.

Properties Acquired			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Received Through
18-08-453-007	1204 W Millman St	1	Judicial Deed
18-04-178-014	1512 N Linn St	2	Judicial Deed
18-03-256-016	410 Cornhill St	1	Judicial Deed

Properties Transferred to New Owner			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Transferred Through
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Properties Demolished			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Ownership Type and Reason
14-30-406-021	3420 N Gale Ave	2	Private - Emergency
18-04-226-022	501 E Ravine Ave	3	City - Planned
18-04-232-022	729 E LaSalle St	3	Private - Planned
18-08-410-006	308 S Webster St	1	Private - Emergency
18-08-183-010	1417 W Adrian G Hinton Ave	1	City - Planned

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5. 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
2421 W Starr St	Star Liquors	Plans Approved	1
500 S Western Ave	Church's Chicken	Plans Received	1

Community Development Department Contact Information Staff who are typically assigned to manage development applications.	
<p>Leah Allison (LA) <i>Asst. Director of Com. Dev.</i> 494-8667</p> <p>Josh Naven (JN) <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8657</p> <p>Kerilyn Weick (KW) <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8606</p> <p>Julia Rose (JR) <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8649</p>	<p>Rich Storm (RS) <i>Building Safety Manager</i> 494-8632</p> <p>Matt Ziller (MZ) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8628</p> <p>Craig Reid (CR) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8925</p> <p>Issac Garcia (IG) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8921</p>