

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RITA ALI



Peoria, Illinois is a city with charm. The largest city on the Illinois River, Peoria delights residents and visitors alike with scenic river views, historic homes and buildings, amazing parks, sports and recreational facilities, and strong schools, libraries and museums. In fact, *U.S. News & World Report* named Peoria the 9th most affordable and the 50th best city to live in the nation. This validates what many of us who live here have known for years.

Since becoming Peoria's mayor on May 4, 2021, I have been extremely proud of the high level of collaboration that is taking place locally and regionally among nonprofit organizations, service providers, government agencies, schools, businesses, community leaders and residents. For it is by *building bridges of collaboration* that Peoria fully recovers from the impact of the global pandemic and reclaims its proper place as a growing, solvent city.

History tells us that we must get the basics right: schools, safety, livability. We must strengthen our anchor institutions, from higher education to healthcare and beyond. We must invest in

quality-of-life amenities, rebuild our critical infrastructure, and work in support of diversity and inclusion. We must ensure a high degree of economic freedom, keep housing affordable and build an opportunity-rich environment. This report reflects recent efforts in each of these areas.

Peoria is ramping up to become a world-class healthcare destination with a growing knowledge-based business sector and a more educated and skilled workforce. Investing in our people will better serve Peoria families, employers and our City's future.

We are taking advantage of this unique time to tap unprecedented federal and state funding for infrastructure, violence reduction, broadband and equity projects. It's a way for Peoria to turn our challenges into opportunities. We will continue to think big, and we will attain our goals by working together. I invite you to join us on this journey to build bridges of collaboration in our river city.



Rita Ali
Mayor of Peoria

PEORIA CITY COUNCIL

The Peoria City Council is comprised of the Mayor and 10 Council members, one for each of five districts and five at-large members. All are elected to four-year terms. Council meetings are held at Peoria City Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and streamed live on WCBU 89.9 FM.



Denise Jackson
District 1



Chuck Grayeb
District 2



Timothy Rigganbach
District 3



Andre Allen
District 4



Denis Cyr
District 5



Elizabeth Jensen
At-Large



John L. Kelly
At-Large



Zachary M. Oyler
At-Large



Sid Ruckriegel
At-Large



Kiran Velpula, PhD
At-Large

PEORIA CITY GOVERNMENT

The City of Peoria has a Council-Manager form of government, which combines the political leadership of elected officials with the professional experience of an appointed manager. The Mayor and ten Council members work together with the City Manager, who implements policy decisions, oversees City operations, and leads a team of 653 total employees.



Patrick Urich
City Manager

Police
Eric Echevarria, Police Chief

Fire
Shawn Sollberger,
Interim Fire Chief

Public Works
Rick Powers, Director

Community Development
Joe Dulin, Director

Economic Development
Kimberly Richardson,
Assistant City Manager

Emergency Communications Center
Brandon Blayney,
Interim Director

Information Systems
Jessica McKean, Director

Equal Opportunity
Melodi Green,
Chief Diversity and
Inclusion Officer

Human Resources
Mary Ann Stalcup, Director

Legal
Chrissie Kapustka, Interim
Corporation Counsel

Finance
Kyle Cratty, Director

City Clerk
Stefanie Tarr

City Treasurer
Stephen Morris

PUBLIC SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

As fundamental responsibilities of municipal government, strong neighborhoods and public safety are emphasized in the City's 2022 budget.

Violence Reduction



The Safety Network (S-NET) is a task force of more than 50 area leaders pursuing community-based violence reduction solutions. The Peoria Police Department continues its focus on gun violence reduction.

With the recent passage of Illinois' Co-Responders Pilot Program, social workers and mental health professionals can now be included on calls to assess if the person is experiencing a mental health crisis.

Strong Neighborhoods



The Peoria Land Bank was created to manage vacant and abandoned properties and create opportunities for affordable housing development and increased property tax revenue.

The City also dedicated resources toward the demolition of two old school buildings and provided grants to neighborhood associations for custom projects. The new Housing Rehabilitation Program provides income-qualified homeowners with rehabilitation funding, while a Down Payment Assistance Program offers up to \$5,000 for homebuyers in qualified census tracts (QCTs).

Fire Safety



The Edward B. Gaines, Jr. Fire Station 4 is set to open on Western Avenue — a \$4 million investment in the south side that will improve fire response times.

The City also secured a \$300,000 grant to provide expanded paramedic training for firefighters.

A FEMA SAFER grant application was submitted, requesting funding to increase fire personnel.

EQUITY & QUALITY OF LIFE

The City's \$60 million capital budget is the largest in more than two decades. Much of this work will take place within qualified census tracts (QCTs) that were hardest hit by COVID-19. Initiatives ranging from nonprofit assistance to significant investments in infrastructure will improve the quality of life for all residents.

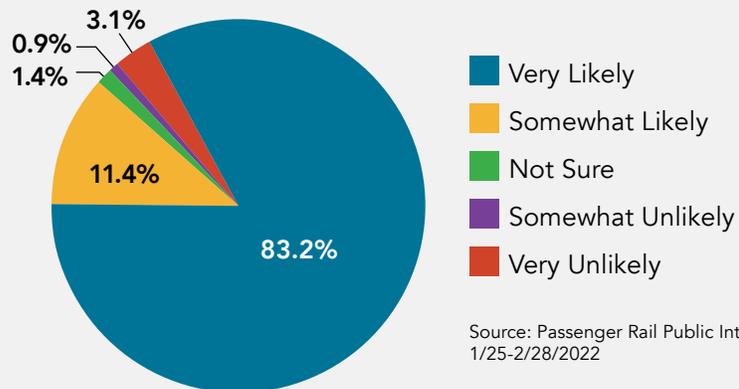
- **Infrastructure investment:** Capital projects will focus on needs that could not be addressed during the pandemic — including roadwork, sidewalks, street lighting, facilities and equipment. The first year of Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) improvements will begin in the North Valley, while plans to revitalize the MacArthur Highway corridor are also underway.
- **"Smart City" technologies:** The City will launch the Smart Street Lighting Pilot Project, installing "smart" technologies that relay valuable data to protect and enhance the lives of citizens.
- **Nonprofit support:** The Non-Profit Capital Program was launched with a pool of \$450,000 to support capital improvements for local nonprofit agencies that serve low-income residents.
- **Racial equity:** The Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity includes over 150 residents who are leading efforts to develop a racial equity strategic plan for the City and County of Peoria.

ECONOMIC GROWTH & JOB DEVELOPMENT

The City is focused on small business support to create jobs and grow the local economy. Workforce development and skill-based training are essential to filling both current and future job openings. The City continues to support Peoria's innovation economy while looking to initiatives like passenger rail as future economic drivers.

- **Business support:** Local small businesses received \$2.3 million from the City in 2021, while the new R.I.S.E. (Recovery, Income, Startup, Expansion) Program was launched this year to help small businesses recover from COVID-19. Grants for small business growth, expansion and product development, as well as loans for job creation and scaling new businesses are available through \$2.5 million in ARPA funding.
- **Workforce training:** In collaboration with its partners in the Regional Workforce Alliance, the City is working to increase the percentage of adult residents with post-high school certification and training. The City is providing \$750,000 for skill-based training and support for workforce development initiatives to assist unemployed workers, while the Mayor's Youth Program is being expanded to offer summer job opportunities to youth as young as 14.
- **Downtown development:** Downtown Peoria continues to experience strong growth. The opening of OSF On Call created 400 jobs and the new OSF HealthCare Ministry Headquarters brought another 700 jobs to the downtown. The Warehouse District and Hospitality Improvement TIF zones were extended legislatively. The construction of more than 200 apartments in the Warehouse District is a sign of continued demand for urban living, with additional units under construction and more to come.
- **Passenger rail:** In collaboration with former U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, the Mayor assembled a group of 45 state and local stakeholders to study the feasibility of passenger rail service to Chicago. A public survey showed overwhelming interest from Peoria and other communities along the proposed route, with nearly 95% of 31,209 respondents indicating they would be "very likely" (83.2%) or "somewhat likely" (11.4%) to use the service.

If Amtrak provided service from **Peoria to Chicago** and back, stopping at LaSalle/Peru, Ottawa, Morris and Joliet along the way, how likely would you be to ride the train?



Source: Passenger Rail Public Interest Survey, 1/25-2/28/2022

HEALTH, EDUCATION & THE ARTS

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the City worked closely with the County, Health Department and other stakeholders in an unprecedented collaborative approach. This collaborative approach built stronger relationships throughout the community and can be seen in other areas as well, including the City's support for education and the arts.

Health Equity



The City, Peoria County and local health partners are working to address the social determinants of health to increase health equity across the community. By improving underlying social and environmental conditions, health outcomes can also be improved. The Peoria Health Equity Fund will invest in the process of improving equity for sustained and integrated improvements in health outcomes, with a focus on QCTs.

Educational Transformation



The Peoria Cradle to Career Initiative (CCI) is a partnership between Illinois Central College, Peoria Public Schools, the City and over 50 community partners designed to transform the distressed 61605 zip code area. The Peoria CCI received \$500,000 to jumpstart the project and lay the groundwork for reapplication of a \$30 million federal Promise Neighborhood Grant.

Partners in the Arts

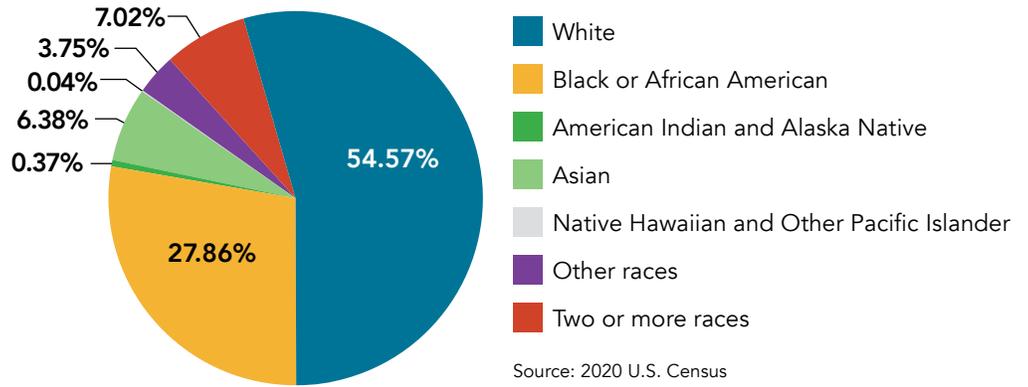


The City continues to provide support for foundational efforts to build and sustain a vibrant arts community. This includes funding for ArtsPartners of Central Illinois and Discover Peoria, the availability of City resources for Sculpture Walk Peoria and use of the building at 1318 SW Adams for the Hello Peoria mural, as well as support for Peoria's library system.

PEORIA BY THE NUMBERS



Racial Distribution

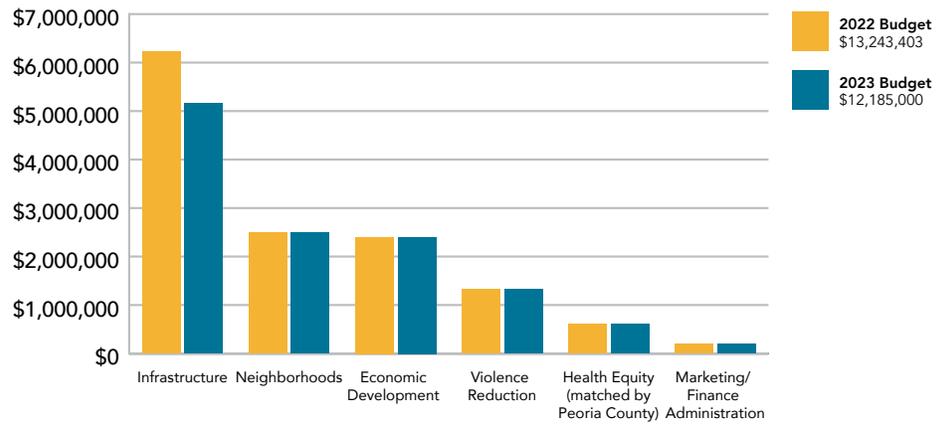


2022 City Budget

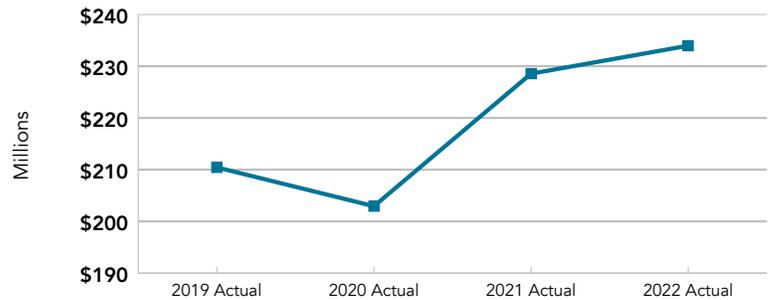
Revenues	2022 Budget	%
Local Taxes	\$94,104,600	36.8%
Licenses & Permits	\$3,286,700	1.3%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$953,550	0.4%
Fees & User Charges	\$36,611,550	14.3%
Misc./Other Charges	\$15,282,069	6.0%
Federal Sources	\$23,482,280	9.2%
State Sources	\$60,241,257	23.6%
Bonds and Loans	\$21,435,250	8.4%
Total Revenues	\$255,397,256	100%

Expenditures	2022 Budget	%
Salaries and Wages	\$68,387,753	26.1%
Employee Benefits	\$32,266,087	12.3%
Contractual Services	\$73,509,906	28.0%
Supplies	\$3,909,251	1.5%
Capital Expenses	\$64,754,314	24.7%
Debt Service	\$19,517,714	7.4%
Total Expenditures	\$262,345,025	100%

Fiscal Recovery Funds Spending



Revenue Trends



*Total revenues excluding debt, 2019-2022

2022 Capital Improvement Plan

Expenditures	2022 Budget	%
Development	\$4,031,296	6.6%
Equipment	\$2,141,188	3.5%
Facilities	\$5,982,500	9.8%
Parking	\$1,760,000	2.9%
Sewers/Drainage	\$19,182,000	31.6%
Sidewalks	\$1,250,000	2.1%
Streets	\$19,421,650	32.0%
Traffic/Lighting	\$2,070,000	3.4%
Vehicles	\$4,845,750	8.0%
Total Capital	\$60,684,384	100%

Property Tax Breakdown



For each dollar in property taxes, the City of Peoria receives 12 cents.



Source: Peoria County GIS 2021 Tax Information