

**: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :****: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, May 20, 2003, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:15 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, Mayor David P. Ransburg presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Council Members present: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears (arrived 6:17 P.M.), Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11; Absent: None.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ransburg requested a moment of silent prayer then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

PROCLAMATION: MEMORIAL DAYS – May 22 – 29, 2003

**MINUTES**

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the majority of quorum minutes from the meeting of May 9, 2003, and minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Executive Session held on May 13, 2003, as outlined, with clarification on page 26056, to reflect the following additional wording to paragraph 5: "Council Member Grayeb discussed his childhood growing up in the West Bluff and he expressed concern with the substitute motion for a number of reasons. He said his basic concern was the decline in stability of the area over the years and the emergence of very real code enforcement, zoning, and crime problems within the area. Accordingly, he said, he could not support the substitute motion. He said it failed to provide the lift and energy which these neighborhoods needed badly, in order to stabilize them"; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Council Member Sandberg requested that the vote to approve the minutes be divided with the amendment included and without the amendment. There were no objections.

Motion to approve the majority of quorum minutes from the meeting of May 9, 2003, and minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Executive Session held on May 13, 2003, as printed was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, – 7;

Nays: Morris, Teplitz, Thetford, Mayor Ransburg - 4.

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Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor  
Ransburg – 10;

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

### **PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, for City of Peoria, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

**(03-268) PAYMENT ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: STONEGATE ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT (North Street to Lake Street) (Removal of existing combination curb and gutter, and driveway approaches; construction of concrete sidewalks, combination curb-sidewalks, p.c.c. gutter, driveway pavement, underdrain, storm sewer, and a bituminous concrete pavement overlay.) C & G CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION – PAY ESTIMATE #5: \$14,074.69. TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$14,074.69. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

**(03-269) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of the TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL EQUIPMENT, in the Amount of \$30,465.00, from TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION.**

**(03-270) Communication from Director of Public Works Recommending Approval of a RESOLUTION 03-270 Calling on CONGRESS to INCREASE ILLINOIS' SHARE of TRANSPORTATION FUNDING.**

**(03-271) REPORTS:**

- 1. PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT – April 30, 2003.**
- 2. PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT – April 30, 2003.**

**RECOMMENDATION to Receive and File the Following REPORT BACK:**

**(03-239) Communication from Corporation Council Regarding REPORT BACK on CITY OF BLOOMINGTON CLOSURE of a LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT Using the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance.**  
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Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council communications; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Council Member Thetford requested Item No. 03-239 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 03-268 through 03-271, (excluding Item No. 03-239 which was removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

**(03-239)      Communication from Corporation Council Regarding REPORT BACK on CITY  
\*              OF BLOOMINGTON CLOSURE of a LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT Using the  
                 Chronic Nuisance Ordinance.**

Council Member Thetford expressed concern regarding problem properties in the City; especially in some of the older neighborhoods. She suggested that the Deputy Liquor Commissioner take the information provided by Staff regarding the use of the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance to the Liquor Commission for them to review and consider for possible usage.

Council Member Thetford moved to receive and file the Report Back on the City of Bloomington closure of a Liquor Establishment using the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance with a request that the Deputy Liquor Commissioner and the Liquor Commission consider possible usage of the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance as outlined; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Council Member Turner stated, in his capacity as Deputy Liquor Commissioner, he would be willing to take this information to the Liquor Commission and report back to the Council. He stated he did not have as much control on what happened outside establishments as compared to inside. He informed Council that he had closed more liquor establishments, since he had been Liquor Commissioner, than any time in the history of the City.

Council Member Sandberg stated the Liquor Commissioner was the judge in the hearings. He said the communication outlined the steps and he also stated the staff would look into their capacity of enforcing the ordinance and would bring the issues to the Liquor Commissioner. He said it was not the Liquor Commissioner's responsibility to dictate City personnel policy, that it was the City Manager's responsibility.

Council Member Grayeb pointed out the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance was not just designed to address problems with unruly establishments in older neighborhoods, but could be used to address problem properties throughout the entire City.

Motion to receive and file the Report Back on the City of Bloomington closure of a Liquor Establishment using the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance and requested that the Deputy Liquor Commissioner and the Liquor Commission consider possible usage of the chronic nuisance ordinance, as outlined, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner,  
Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

**(03-272)      Communication from Director of Public Works with PRESENTATION by MR.  
                 ERIC THERKILDSSEN, P. E., IDOT REPRESENTATIVE, for INTERSTATE 74  
                 RECONSTRUCTION FEEDBACK.**

Public Works Director Steve Van Winkle explained Mr. Therkildsen was in attendance and would be available to answer any questions the Council might have. He introduced Mr. Eric Therkildsen, P.E., IDOT's Program Development Director for IDOT District 4.

Council Member Sandberg said he had received calls regarding erosion on the Sheridan Street Bridge. He questioned whether IDOT was aware of those safety concerns and when the citizens might expect some attention to the Sheridan Street existing conditions.

Mr. Therkildsen stated he was not personally aware of those issues; however he would forward those issues to the operations director.

In discussion with Council Member Nichting, Mr. Therkildsen said citizens could contact IDOT with any questions or concerns regarding the I-74 construction at 866-I74-News, or at their website at [www.upgrade74.com](http://www.upgrade74.com). Council Member Nichting suggested the phone number be placed on Channel 22 for citizen's use.

Mr. Therkildsen said the phone number was presently being manned by a computer tape recorder, but he said in about a month when the project begins, the number would be answered by personnel to answer any questions citizens might have.

Council Member Gulley asked Mr. Therkildsen to outline some of the dates for the construction phases.

Mr. Therkildsen explained the letting on April 25<sup>th</sup> consisted of the reconstruction of Sterling Avenue, several bridges between Sterling Avenue and University, the downtown contract for City streets throughout the downtown area; specifically Spalding, Fayette and Knoxville. He said the normal contract process was forty-five days, although they were looking for an expedited schedule making it possibly thirty days. He said if the bid was awarded in one week, perhaps activity could begin about June 15, 2003. He explained the work on Sterling Avenue would consist of removing two lanes of pavement on the west side and replacing it with three lanes. He further stated the following year, the two lanes on the east side would be removed and replaced with three lanes making it into six lanes of concrete pavement to accommodate the future interchange that would be placed at Sterling Avenue to help relieve the traffic flow at the War Memorial Drive interchange.

In discussion with Council Member Spears, Mr. Therkildsen explained Sterling Avenue would be open to traffic the entire time during construction, and the bridge would be taken out one half at a time. He also determined the on/off ramp at Sterling would be out for bids a little over a year from now and that the Forrest Hill Bridge should be open to traffic around June 1, 2003.

Council Member Sandberg said he had received complaints regarding technological changes in the traffic signals on Washington Street.

Director Van Winkle said the City should receive those calls of complaint because the City managed the traffic signals, and he said he would look into it.

Council Member Nichting moved to receive and file the communication from Director of Public Works regarding the Presentation by Mr. Eric Therkildsen, P. E., IDOT Representative, for the Interstate 74 Reconstruction Feedback; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

**(03-273) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management  
Recommending Approval of PROPOSED DOWNTOWN PARKING  
REQUIREMENT CHANGES to Eliminate Parking Requirements in the B-1  
Zoning District.**

City Manager Ewert explained when office buildings were built in large downtown areas, parking was required to be provided with the project. He said most retail, restaurants and entertainment facilities operated in the evenings and were regional activities. He said there was plenty of parking at night. He said the proposal outlined was to make the existing Ordinance more current, and to have this issue go before the Zoning Commission for recommendations and then back to the City Council for final review.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Wayne Anthony explained the parking requirement for the downtown area was reduced in the 90's. He said this was an opportunity to put this issue on the table and to explore a different way of approaching parking in the downtown. He said this proposal would eliminate the parking requirement within the downtown B-1 Parking District and process that matter through the Zoning Commission, open it up for public hearing and also propose to expand the B-1 District to include some areas that had been discussed about redeveloping and expanding the business core.

Council Member Sandberg moved to approve the proposed downtown parking requirement changes to eliminate parking requirements in the B-1 Zoning District; seconded by Council Member Morris.

In discussion with Council Member Thetford, Director Anthony determined there were no single-family residential areas involved in these boundaries. Council Member Thetford further stated the accessibility for the senior citizen population needed to be considered. She requested a map showing the area being discussed.

Council Member Morris stated he felt this Ordinance was right on point. He said the Council could not allow for surface parking to take over the downtown area. He said perhaps there needed to be something established to look at the comprehensive parking needs of the downtown. He said he would be supporting this proposal.

Council Member Sandberg stated the concept was not to eliminate any need, but only to eliminate the requirement that each establishment had to provide so much parking per square footage. He said this concept advances the idea that the market place could best determine how many parking spaces were needed to be successful.

Council Member Grayeb questioned the term "in general" and requested a clarification regarding the boundaries.

Director Anthony explained some of the areas within the boundary that he described were already zoned, so when the boundary was set up for public hearing it would not include everything within the boundaries because some were already zoned. He said the boundaries were from Walnut to MacArthur, and N.E. Jefferson to the river. He said in the northern part of the downtown area, the geographic boundary would run up to the hospitals.

Interim City Manager Ewert reiterated the developers, or market-place would determine the use and the amount of parking spaces needed to be successful. He said the private developers and (financial) backers of private developers look at parking as an issue to determine what would be successful. He said the unnecessary parking requirements could put an additional debt on the developer and possibly stop projects from moving forward. He said the proposal was to allow this to go to the Zoning Commission for comments and then back to the Council for the final approval.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern regarding the sale of the YWCA building and the parking requirements.

Director Anthony clarified the change in the parking requirement in the B-1 District would not only affect the additional areas that were proposed but also the existing B-1 zoned area. Therefore, he said as a result of this change, any reuse of the YWCA building site would not require any regulations to have to provide parking to make it viable.

Council Member Teplitz said she felt this was a significant step forward toward the revitalization of the downtown and said she would support the proposal.

Motion to approve the proposed downtown parking requirement changes to eliminate parking requirements in the B-1 Zoning District was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

**(03-274) Communication from Corporation Counsel Recommending Approval of a RESOLUTION Pertaining to COUNCIL RULES.**

Council Member Ardis stated requested this item to be placed on the Council Agenda. He said the resolution adopted the current rules and gave the Council opportunity to discuss how they might want to change the Council rules for the next two years. He said this Resolution basically extended the time period for forty-five days to put the rules in place. He said perhaps they could ask the City Manager for guidance on how to go about this and also address the Council's own efficiencies and discuss costs involved.

Council Member Ardis moved to approve the Resolution pertaining to Council Rules; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Council Member Sandberg questioned whether the Resolution gave the Council more than forty-five days.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray clarified the Resolution extended the Council Rules forty-five days from May 20, 2003, and he said it could also be extended again.

Mayor Ransburg explained the intent was to review the Council Rules, examine suggestions and then vote on them over the next two years.

In order to expedite the process, since the Council Members were the same as when the last Council Rules were approved, Council Member Grayeb suggested that Council Members bring any changes forward that might make the Council more effective and then vote on the changes. He said this could expedite the process.

In discussion with Council Member Thetford, Corporation Counsel Ray clarified the current rules would remain in effect pending this process.

Discussion was held whether a Council Retreat or Policy Session should be held to discuss Council Rules, or whether Council Members should bring suggestions forward individually to the City Manager to bring back to Council.

Council Member Thetford offered a friendly amendment to the motion to approve the Resolution maintaining the existing Council Rules, and during the forty-five day time period, establish a time suitable to hold a retreat to discuss the Council Rules.

Council Member Morris said with so many pressing issues, he felt a retreat was not necessary to discuss Council Rules when the same Council that adopted them were still on the Council.

Council Member Ardis, the maker of the motion, and the seconder agreed to the friendly amendment.

Mayor Ransburg suggested any Council Member with any Council Rules issues to be discussed should forward them to the City Manager and a list would be compiled for Council review.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 03-274 maintaining the existing Council Rules, and during the forty-five day time period, establish a time suitable to hold a retreat to discuss the Council Rules, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10;

Nays: Grayeb – 1.

**(03-275) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management  
Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE Granting a SPECIAL USE for the  
EXPANSION of a NONCONFORMING USE in a Class R-3 (Single-Family  
Residential) District for Additional Recreational Facilities for Property Located at  
7000 N. COUNTRY CLUB LANE.**

Council Member Nichting directed the Council's attention to two handouts that were distributed from the YMCA and Architectural Research & Design, both addressing ADA requirements and confirming the ADA requirements were met.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance granting a Special Use for the expansion of a Nonconforming Use in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District for additional recreational facilities for property located at 7000 N. Country Club Lane; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Council Member Turner moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Roger Sparks.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Sparks.

Mr. Roger Sparks, 1412 W. Glen Avenue, expressed concern regarding the lack of parking during the construction at the YMCA for people with disabilities.

In discussion with Council Member Nichting, Director Anthony said the YMCA would meet all the City requirements when they applied for their building permits to do the expansion.

Council Member Nichting moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Bob Hall.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Bob Hall.

Mr. Bob Hall, Attorney for the YMCA, said he felt the existing facility was in compliance and the new expanded facility would also be in compliance with ADA requirements. He explained when the YMCA took over the Willow Knolls facility, all the restrooms were made handicap accessible and they were definitely sensitive to these issues.

Council Member Sandberg said he was confident the building met the disabled needs and as development went forward with phase two, there would be greater accessibility.

Motion to adopt the ORDINANCE 15,476 granting a Special Use for the expansion of a Nonconforming Use in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District for additional recreational facilities for property located at 7000 N. Country Club Lane was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

**(03-276) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE Granting a SPECIAL PERMIT for a ROOFTOP SIGN through the SPECIAL USE PROCESS in a Class I-2 (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) District for Property Located at 120 EATON STREET AND Communication from Interim City Manager Recommending a 60-DAY MORATORIUM on the ISSUANCE of SPECIAL USE PERMITS for ROOFTOP SIGNS and Direct Staff to Research and Formulate Recommendations Regarding Appropriate Policy Changes to Rooftop Signage.**

A letter from the Peoria Housing Authority and a letter from the petitioner, Concept Design Group, requesting a deferral until June 3, 2003, were distributed to the Council.

Council Member Gulley moved to approve an immediate sixty-day moratorium on the issuance of special use permits for rooftop signage and direct staff to research and formulate recommendations regarding appropriate policy changes to rooftop signage; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Council Member Gulley expressed concern regarding the hurdles that the petitioner had to deal with in the City of Peoria. He said this property had been vacant for a number of years. He said before the petitioner moved forward with the purchase, they checked with City departments to see whether a sign would be feasible. He cautioned Staff to consider what might be imposed against this petitioner who was ready to invest in the City of Peoria.

Council Member Sandberg said he opposed a moratorium. He explained all special use zoning permits were approved by the Council; therefore there really was no need to issue a moratorium. He said this issue could be deferred to June 3, or sixty days without imposing a moratorium.

Council Member Thetford stated she supported the sixty-day moratorium.

Council Member Teplitz questioned whether there was a requirement that adjacent property owners be notified of the request for the special use and if the Peoria Housing Authority had been notified.

Director Anthony clarified notices had to be sent to all property owners within two hundred fifty feet and that two notices were sent to the Peoria Housing Authority.

Council Member Teplitz said she would like more background information on this issue and expressed concern about the effect it might have on the property owned by the Peoria Housing Authority.

Council Member Grayeb questioned the recommendation in the communication that during the sixty-day research, staff would be reviewing all rooftop signage potential in the City particularly within the downtown and near downtown areas, and whether this would be the best use of staff time with the budget cuts.

Director Anthony stated the report back would include what other city's regulations were relating to rooftop signs and the potential for rooftop signs in the downtown areas would be explored.

City Manager Ewert explained he could not support a rooftop sign at this location. He said he felt the billboard rooftop sign would take away from the elegant skyline seen when entering the City of Peoria from the Murray Baker Bridge. He said some rooftop signs destroyed the urban character and elegance of the downtown. He said he felt it was not in the interest of the City to allow rooftop signs in the downtown, however, he said it was the Council's decision to approve or not approve the special use permit for the sign to be constructed on the building at 120 Eaton Street.



Council Member Grayeb stated although he respected the City Manager's analysis, he was more concerned about the chemical discharges of PMP, the outdoor warning siren that did not work, and the Council not being notified about what was happening when the tornadoes came through a few weeks ago. He said perhaps the sixty-day moratorium did not appear to be an appropriate level of response to the aesthetic threat that was being contemplated by some. He said he could not support a sixty-day moratorium.

Motion to approve the immediate sixty-day moratorium on the issuance of special use permits for rooftop signage and direct staff to research and formulate recommendations regarding appropriate policy changes to rooftop signage was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Morris, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Mayor Ransburg – 6;

Nays: Ardis, Grayeb, Nichting, Sandberg, Turner – 5

Clerk's Note: The approval of the motion for a sixty-day moratorium would delay the vote on the proposed Ordinance granting a special permit for a rooftop sign at 120 Eaton Street until July 22, 2003.

**(03-277) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission and City Staff to DENY the ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 2421 N. ATLANTIC AVENUE from the Present Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District.**

Council Member Thetford moved to defer this item for one week, until the May 27, 2003, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Motion to defer this item until May 27, 2003, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(03-190) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Planning Commission to APPROVE and Recommendation from City Staff to DENY a RESOLUTION Approving the PRELIMINARY PLAT of MEDINA CROSSING SUBDIVISION, an Industrial Development Located North of IL Route 6 and West of IL Route 29, along N. State Street, AND with Recommendation from City Staff to Defer this Item for Two Weeks until the June 3, 2003, Regular City Council Meeting.**

Council Member Nichting moved to defer this item for two weeks until the June 3, 2003, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to defer this item until June 3, 2003, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESSANNOUNCEMENT Regarding LITTER AWARENESS TRAVELING TROPHY

Council Member Turner reported that Olde Towne South had 118 bags of garbage that had been picked up, and the Gale Avenue Association had 115 bags with one week left in the competition for the Litter Awareness Traveling Trophy to promote cleaning up the garbage in the neighborhoods.

**(03-278) REQUEST for REPORT BACK Regarding CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES for CRIME PREVENTION**

Council Member Gulley expressed concern regarding some of the negative problems in his district and the strategy to deal with those issues. He said the on-going policing was superb and commended Chief Stenson. He suggested the implementation of a proactive campaign to involve all citizens. He encouraged citizens to become involved in community policing. He also requested something in writing that he could share with the community on what was being done and to encourage working together in implementing a strategy. He said he would like to see an active campaign launched around June 4 after the next City Council meeting to fight crime.

Council Member Nichting left the Council Chambers at 7:55 p.m.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

**(03-279) REQUEST from CITIZENS to Address the CITY COUNCIL Regarding VARIOUS ISSUES.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to those who wished to address the Council.

Ms. June Moore, 1409 W. Millman, said she was happy to see some improvements being made in the neighborhood. She questioned whether the Shop Rite grocery store was in compliance with City codes. She said she would like to have more Council representation in her neighborhood.

Director of Inspections John Kunski informed the Council that a roofing contractor made repairs to the roof at the Shop Rite grocery store which had been inspected and accepted.

Ms. Levita Ricca, 711 S. Greenlawn, stated the neighborhood was desperate to get a decent shopping center including a grocery store, gas station and drug store. She said she felt no one was listening to their neighborhood concerns.

Reverend A.J. Guyton, President of Baptist Ministries Alliance, 1203 S. Third Street, expressed concerns regarding community policing. He said he had the same concerns as Council Member Gulley and he felt it would take a community effort to address the problems. He said the community needed to work with the City Council, Chief of Police as well as the judicial system to address this issue.

Council Member Gulley stated when he left the Council Meeting last week he checked all five of his voice mails. He stated he cared about the First District and he appreciated the work of all the citizens who cared about the First District. He said he spent an evening riding with Chief Stenson looking at all the problems. He further stated he had been working to get a store in the First District as well as new businesses and also continuing to deal with the crime issue. He said there were a lot of issues to deal with. He requested the entire community to work together to implement a change.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**(03-280) Consideration of a Motion for the City Council to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 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 such an action is probable or imminent.**

Council Member Gully moved that the City Council go into Executive Session to discuss 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 such an action is probable or imminent; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner,  
Mayor Ransburg – 10;

Nays: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Gulley moved to adjourn the Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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Mary L. Haynes, MMC  
City Clerk of Peoria, Illinois

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth A. Ball  
Deputy City Clerk