

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, September 9, 2003, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:17 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 (arrived at 6:27 P.M.), Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11; Absent: None..

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: PATRIOT DAY – September 11, 2003

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on August 26, 2003, the Special Council Meetings and Executive Sessions held on August 28, 2003, and September 1, 2003, the Executive Session and Regular City Council Meeting held on September 2, 2003, with a clarification on Page 26222 under “Reconvening of the City Council” to remove Council Member Gulley’s name from the absent list and insert Council Member Grayeb’s name; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

(03-523) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed ISSUANCE of its Not-To-Exceed \$3,900,000 VARIABLE RATE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS (OAK WOODS APARTMENTS PROJECT) SERIES 2003A and \$500,000 SUBORDINATE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS (OAK WOODS APARTMENTS PROJECT) SERIES 2003B, with Recommendation to Receive and File the Communication.

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ransburg opened the Public Hearing at 6:25 P.M.

Following the third call for public comment, Mayor Ransburg determined that no one wished to address this issue.

Council Member Nichting moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Council Member Turner

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:26 P.M.

Council Member Sandberg arrived at 6:27 P.M.

Council Member Nichting moved to receive and file the communication regarding the Public Hearing; 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.

(03-524) Administering the OATH OF OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER to REGINALD A. WILLIS.

City Clerk Mary Haynes administered the Oath of Office of City Treasurer to Reginald A. Willis, accompanied by his wife, Judy, his son Craig Willis, and his granddaughter.

City Treasurer Reginald Willis said it was a great honor for him to take the Oath of Office to serve the City as Treasurer, and to have this opportunity to serve the people in his community again. He said he spent 18 years on the Peoria County Board serving in a way he hoped was exemplary manner, and he hoped to serve the City of Peoria in that same manner. He said he thanked his Lord for preparing him for this day, and for his leadership in helping him take the path that would serve Peoria. He thanked those who had the confidence in him to assist him in being appointed to the position, and he thanked the Mayor for the appointment, and the Council for their support. He thanked former City Treasurer Mary Ulrich for recommending him for the position and for her 22 years of outstanding, faithful, tireless, and unselfish service. He further thanked her for her impeccable character and the flawless integrity with which she had served. He stated he was fortunate to have former City Treasurer Mary Ulrich for his mentor and teacher so the City Treasurer's office would continue to run in the best manner possible.

Mayor Ransburg congratulated City Treasurer Willis and said he looked forward to working with him in the future.

(03-525) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Regarding a PRESENTATION of the 2002 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AUDIT), with Recommendation to Receive and File.

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins introduced Helen G. Barrick, Partner of Clifton Gunderson LLP, who prepared the audit and would make a brief presentation.

Ms. Barrick referred to the packet of excerpts from the 2002 financial statements which was included in the Council's Agenda packets. She said the financial statements were different this year because there were two formats this year due to the change over to the GASB 34 system.

Ms. Barrick explained the duties of the external auditor and further explained that the Fire and Police Pension Funds, the Peoria Area Visitors and Convention Bureau, and the Peoria Foreign Fire Insurance Fund were audited by other agencies and her opinions were based on those other audits. She said the opinion for 2002 was again unqualified as it had been in the last two years. She referred to the Management's Discussion and Analysis portion of the packet and she stated this was newly required under GASB 34, and she pointed out much of the information provided for 2002 could not be presented comparatively to 2001 since the format of the statements were modified in the current year. However, she said, in future years as comparative data was available, this portion of the document should be even more valuable to the Council and should provide a good historical record of the City's finances. She urged the Council to review this narrative.

Ms. Barrick explained the Statement of Net Assets and Liabilities, and she pointed out the net worth of the City was \$16,162,611, but under the unrestricted portion or when the fixed assets and what was restricted for specific activities were backed out, there was a deficit of \$63,939,210. She said this accounted for all the liability of debt and this was the financial position on an entity-wide basis. She gave an overview of the Statement of Activities and said the net expense of the City of Peoria was in the amount of \$90,310,030 and the change in net assets was \$15,033,413. She explained that the capital grant of \$16,741,210 kept the City from having a negative income in this category. She added that the net equity of the City at the end of 2001 was only \$1,125,198.

Ms. Barrick referred to the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance, and she explained the difference in reporting. She said the primary fund she wanted to focus on was the general fund. She pointed out the total revenues for the original budget was \$87,964,819 and the Budget was amended to \$82,532,922, and actual was \$82,336,659. She further explained that corporate personal property and replacement taxes, state sales tax, and state income tax did not meet the Budget in the amended Budget and fell short of the 2001 revenues. She said the original Budget for expenditures was \$77,051,088 with the final budget at \$76,471,684, with actual expenditures at \$74,565,247. She pointed out another major area was under Other Finance Sources, and she noted the net was \$3,879,018 in 2002 compared to \$9,676,367 in 2001. She explained the major reasons why these were reduced. She said the City had a net increase of \$3,892,394 but she reminded the Council that these were increases that were not anticipated in the future. She said if the City chose to abate the property taxes on G.O. debt as was done in the past, those transfers would be made out of this fund into the debt service fund and those transfers would go up several million dollars. She added, at year end, the City had designated \$6,348,476 to meet those debt service needs and this amount was being utilized in 2003. She added it would be difficult to anticipate the self-insured benefits and whether they would rise or fall.

Ms. Barrick referred to questions she received about the amount needed for the unreserved balance and how much should be maintained in the general fund. She read from the Elected Officials Guide to Fund Balance and she said, based on the minimum amount, 5% of the 2002 general fund expenditures would be \$3.7 million or one month would be approximately \$6.2 million. She said the 2003 Budget called for three months of reserve which would be approximately \$18.6 million. She said at the present time there was about \$2.5 million in reserve funds.

Ms. Barrick said the fund was in an adequate position for year end but was certainly in a tenuous position. She said continued monitoring and caution, and over seeing the expenditures would be necessary in the future.

Council Member Morris expressed concern regarding the minimal amount of \$2.5 million in unrestricted fund balance which was less than two weeks of operating money for a City government which was far below the general policy. He urged the Council to work toward building a responsible amount in that fund.

Council Member Sandberg referred to classic non-capital expenditures which were funded by the Capital fund and he questioned how the auditor viewed these practices.

Ms. Barrick indicated the only thing that would go into a capital budget or established as a fixed asset would be if the project had a lengthy life. She said if something was acquired and debt was owed, the liability would be recognized and as the debt payments were made, the liability would be reduced. She said if the asset was sold, any gain or loss would then be recognized. She added she would review what duties the employees were assigned to, if there were salaries in the capital fund. She said those may not be capitalized and may be a flat expense.

Council Member Nichting also pointed out that TIF areas operating in the red would also reduce the cash available to meet future expenditures, which could ultimately come out of the general fund balance.

Following a brief discussion regarding variables and assumptions, Council Member Nichting requested that Director Scroggins provide the Council with a copy of the variables and assumptions so the Council could determine if future targets were being met.

Following further discussion, Council Member Turner moved to receive and file the presentation of the 2002 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit); seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (03-526) TAG DAY REQUEST from the LIONS CLUB OF PEORIA to Hold Their ANNUAL CANDY DAY on Friday, October 10, 2003. (Date is open.)
- (03-527) TAG DAY REQUEST from the KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF AMERICA, PEORIA CHAPTER #243, to Sell KOREAN WAR DAISIES for Their Second Annual Daisy Sale on Friday, October 31, and Saturday, November 1, 2003.
- (03-528) BIDS for 2003-2004 ANNUAL OFFICE SUPPLIES, Recommending Contracts as Outlined.
- (03-529) BIDS for GLASS REPAIR and REPLACEMENT TWO-YEAR CONTRACT, Recommending the LOW BID of DIAMOND TRIUMPH GLASS COMPANY, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,381.05, per Year.
- (03-530) Communication from Acting Director of Public Works Requesting Authorization to ACQUIRE Approximately 0.14 Acre of REAL ESTATE Located at 3821 WEST CHARTER OAK ROAD, in the Amount of \$6,500.00, for the CHARTER OAK ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.
- (03-531) APPOINTMENTS and REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD, with Recommendation to Concur:

APPOINTMENTS:

Gregory A. Johnston (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/06

Brian W. Ruddell (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/06

David L. Vance (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/05

REAPPOINTMENT:

Will Vance (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/06

(03-532) **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Regarding the MAY 16, 2003, and JULY 19, 2003 AUCTIONS, with Recommendation to Receive and File. (For Information Only)**

(03-533) **REPORTS:**

1. CITY TREASURER REPORT for Month of July, 2003, with Recommendation to Receive and File.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council communications; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Item Nos. 03-526 through 03-533 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.

(03-534) **Communication from Acting Director of Public Works Requesting Approval to CREATE AND FILL TWO POSITIONS in the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S PERMIT SECTION to Support the Enhanced Sidewalk Programs.**

Acting Director of Public Works Gene Hewitt outlined the workload of the permit section of the Public Works Department. He said they now had two employees in the permit section when there used to be six employees but the workload remained unchanged. He said the Neighborhood-School Sidewalk Program was added with no additional resources to support the program. He said much of the work in this section was on projects that were in the capital budget and the proposal represented a way to get the work done but not impact the operating budget.

In discussion with Council Member Nichting, Interim City Manager Steve Van Winkle explained this program was launched in August, 2002, when program or activity-based cuts were discussed. He said the sidewalk program was actually reduced by more than two-thirds. He said, with that, some of the cuts were recommended in the permit section, but they needed to be added back in since the program was enhanced. He said if the funding was reduced, then cuts would be made again.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve creating and filling two positions in the Public Works Department's Permit Section to support the Enhanced Sidewalk Programs; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Turner said he would support the motion, but he expressed concern that employment in every department at City Hall was down significantly due to so many of the employees taking advantage of the Early Retirement Incentive. He said his concern was that citizens would begin to feel the impact of this reduction of personnel with respect to service delivery. He said he assumed with the City-wide knowledge that there was a budget shortfall, and there would be a budget shortfall in 2005 of \$1.1 million, all departments would reassess their structure and service delivery. He urged the Council to take another look at this because in the near future, other departments would be requesting similar assistance and there was no additional money.

Acting Director of Public Works Gene Hewitt indicated another option would be not to perform the service.

Interim City Manager Steve Van Winkle said he agreed with the comments made by Council Member Turner, and in fact, all departments were making a re-evaluation. He said there were certain circumstances in certain departments where the impact of the retirements were excessive, but did not correlate at all with the capital program that was passed by the Council where if a capital program was approved, it was expected for the program to be delivered. He said he was trying to focus on the programs that could not be conducted in any reasonable fashion.

Council Member Turner said he felt the citizens were owed an explanation. He said either services would have to be cut or the City would be hiring people they could not afford to pay.

In discussion with Council Member Thetford regarding the sidewalk program and personnel needs, Interim City Manager Steve Van Winkle explained \$1.5 million was identified for a sidewalk program and then administratively, that amount was broken down into compartments. He said with the readjustments in 2003 and 2004, the amount was now at \$1.2 million on average over the next four or five years. He said the programs were becoming more proactive and more labor intensive where the Staff was required to generate plans or specifications. He said with the addition of two employees, the permit section would still be down two employees.

Council Member Thetford indicated she did not feel this was the appropriate time to approve this request. She said some of this work may have to be placed on hold temporarily, and she said she would not support the request.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg regarding how long the employees would be needed and the challenge of possibly delivering these programs in a different manner, Acting Director of Public Works Gene Hewitt explained all these programs required effort to prepare them. He said the programs were contract driven and were projects which required contacting the owners, etc. and was a year-around job. Acting Director Hewitt further explained the shifting of project inspections to another City department, but he added each of these programs required individual attention. He said the bottom line was that someone had to determine what needed to be done, make certain the paper work was done, make sure the contracts were put together, and make certain the contracts were let, administered and paid for. He said he did not feel it would be good management of public funds to handle it any other way.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that the Council communication did not contain more analysis of the situation. He spoke of his continued support of the sidewalk programs, but he said he could not support the motion because he did not feel confident that the need for additional staff had been defined.

In discussion with Council Member Morris regarding the request for the use of the capital budget for this expenditure, Interim City Manager Steve Van Winkle explained there was already a significant gap in the operating budget and the workload that these people would support was all capital. He said it would be the same as if the City hired a consultant to perform the work. He added that consultant services also came out of the capital budget and would be consistent with former practices.

Council Member Morris said he felt this was the beginning of the squeeze and the result in the failure to make necessary cuts previously. He said he fundamentally respected the request for the additional two employees in the permit section, but the money needed to be in the operating budget in order to do that. He said he did not feel capital money should be used for operations. He said he could not support the request.

Council Member Gulley agreed with some of the comments already made. He expressed concern that at the September 2, 2003, Council Meeting, it was indicated that adjustments may need to be made in the delivery of services or in the budget. He said knowing that made it difficult to move forward with the

proposed motion. He said he hoped there would be a way to restructure the way the City of Peoria conducted business in the budget process. He said he would like for Staff to go back and really look at whether or not this was the right way for the City to move forward. He questioned if this item needed to be voted on at this meeting.

Interim City Manager Steve Van Winkle explained there was a critical need for approval to fill one of the positions as soon as possible. He added the other position would need to be filled if the enhanced program was continued. He said the situation was desperate to fill the one position, otherwise there would be a major gap in the street work. He said if the position was not filled, he would have no choice but to have no one working on sidewalk participation until the end of the year or until a decision to hire someone could be made.

Council Member Grayeb stressed the importance of installing curbs and sidewalks in the areas of the City that so desperately needed them for children walking to school and other safety reasons. He said the business of this City must go forward, even though the City Council was in search of a permanent City Manager. He said he hoped this would be the first of a number of recommendations that would be brought forth by Interim City Manager Van Winkle on how to meet the needs of the community based on the policies made by the Council. He indicated the vacancy of over 100 positions created a problem in the City, but business could not stop. He said the Council was in the process of changing all the policy decisions they had made. He said the Council was not elected to second guess every administrative decision made. He said the Council should be strategic thinkers and policy makers and the Council should rely on City management to effect those policy directions and provide the programs that the Council thought were important.

In further discussion with Council Member Grayeb regarding the number of positions needed at this time, Interim City Manager Van Winkle said he needed a decision on one position immediately but he would be willing to hold off two weeks on the other position. He said he firmly believed the one position was needed to support even a diminished program.

Council Member Nichting restated his motion to approve creating and filling of one position in the Public Works Department's Permit Section to support the Enhanced Sidewalk Programs; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Teplitz spoke of her strong support for the sidewalk programs but, she said, the issue before the Council regarded the hiring of one or two employees which she knew were sorely needed. She said she did not feel the City could afford to hire them now. She said adjustments needed to be made to the Budget and staffing levels in all departments. She said she would be glad to consider filling these positions, but not until she had a full comprehensive understanding of the recommendation as to how the City of Peoria Budget would be balanced currently and until 2007. She said the answer was not to do away with the sidewalk program, but to find a solution to this problem.

Council Member Spears said what he felt was missing from the explanation was the number of lineal feet of sidewalk that would be laid next year. He said until the Council obtained that understanding, they would not know how many positions needed to be filled. He said he could not support the request until that report back was provided to the Council.

In further discussion, Council Member Thetford expressed concern that this was piece meal together a budget. She spoke in support of the program but she said she could not support the motion.

Council Member Ardis said he did not feel the City had the money to fund the requested position. He said the current Interim City Manager was trying to follow the previous directives from the previous Interim City Manager and his priorities. He said this would be the first test of how sincere the Council was in thinking those previous directives would happen this year. He added, it was obvious, it would not happen this year.

Interim City Manager Steve Van Winkle explained the request may have appeared to be disjointed, but in reality, what had happened over the last few months was that the Council approved an operations and capital budget without any time to determine if what they approved was achievable. He said for the next three weeks, the Administration would try to provide information about where the biggest glitches were in the budget process between what the Council approved in 2003 and 2004 and what the Staff could actually deliver. He said the people who would be making those presentations were the people who had first hand knowledge because they worked with the budget and the programs daily. He said there was nothing wrong with the sidewalk program one year ago. He said he knew he had to take the lead because Public Works would be losing the most people due to the Early Retirement Incentive and he knew he had to do something to cover those losses. He said the budget was approved with just a \$440,000 program and even then, one more person was needed. He said the enhanced program was then added. He said he felt if hiring one person was not approved, that told him the Council was having second thoughts about the sidewalk program. He said, in the next three weeks, he would be helping the Council to better understand what the real situation was, and then he would finally bring a recommendation to the Council on how to close the budget gap. He added that recommendation may include money being taken out of the capital budget.

Motion to approve the creating and filling of one position in the Public Works Department's Permit Section to support the Enhanced Sidewalk Programs was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Gulley, Nichting, Turner – 4;

Nays: Ardis, Morris, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Mayor Ransburg - 7.

(03-535) Communication from Director of Inspections Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to BUILDINGS and BUILDING REGULATIONS and FEE INCREASES.

Council Member Thetford moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to buildings and building regulations and fee increases; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,526 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(03-393) Communication from Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management with REQUEST from PETITIONER to TABLE:

B. ORDINANCE ANNEXING Territory Contiguous to the City of Peoria – Approximate Address of 7800 NORTH ROUTE 91, Immediately South of a Five-Acre Parcel Previously Annexed;

Council Member Nichting moved to Table this item; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to Table this item was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- C. **ORDINANCE Rezoning a 15-ACRE SHOPPING CENTER for the Property Located at the NORTHEAST CORNER of the INTERSECTION of ROUTE 91 and WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE from the Present Class A-2 (Agriculture) District in the County to a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District and Granting a SPECIAL USE.**

Council Member Nichting moved to Table this item; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to Table this item was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (03-422) Communication from Mayor David P. Ransburg Regarding TERMS for the MUNICIPAL BAND COMMISSION per Resolution No. 03-422 Approved by Council on July 22, 2003, with Recommendation to Receive and File:**

Mary Kathleen Conver	Term Expires 6/30/04
Gregory A. Potts	Term Expires 6/30/04
Lesley Matuszak	Term Expires 6/30/05
James F. Foley	Term Expires 6/30/06
Carole B. Hill	Term Expires 6/30/06
Lee Wenger	Term Expires 6/30/06

Council Member Nichting moved to receive and file the communication regarding Terms for the Municipal Band Commission per Resolution No. 03-422 approved by Council on July 22, 2003; 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.

- (03-423) Communication from Mayor David P. Ransburg Regarding TERMS for the ZONING COMMISSION per Resolution No. 03-423 Approved by Council on July 22, 2003, with Recommendation to Receive and File:**

Joyce K. Banks	Term Expires 6/30/04
Patricia Sterling Polk	Term Expires 6/30/04
Gregory Hunziker	Term Expires 6/30/05
Curt Davis	Term Expires 6/30/05

Council Member Nichting moved to receive and file the communication regarding Terms for the Zoning Commission per Resolution No.03-423 approved by Council on July 22, 2003; 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.

NEW BUSINESS**(03-536) REQUEST for REPORT BACK Regarding the GANG LOITERING ORDINANCE and if those Regulations Could Apply in Dealing with the Loitering of Known Prostitutes in Areas of the City.**

Council Member Thetford requested Corporation Counsel to review whether or not the gang loitering Ordinance could be useful in dealing with the loitering of known prostitutes in a number areas of the City.

Council Member Gulley referred to the past incidents of gang loitering on Starr Street and he requested a focus to be placed on that area again because some of that activity had returned.

APPRECIATION for CITY STAFF'S ATTENTION TO WEEDS on CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

Council Member Gulley thanked Staff for moving weeds in his District on property owned by the City.

COMMENTS Regarding QUALITY ENTERTAINMENT Provided by the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER

Council Member Morris commended the Peoria Civic Center for continually providing quality entertainment for the community over the past twenty years of their existence.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No citizens came forward to address the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION**(03-537) Recommendation to Approve a Motion for the City Council to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.**

Council Member Turner moved that the City Council go into Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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