

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, November 4, 2003, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:16 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 at 6:20 P.M.), 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: NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY – November 12, 2003

PROCLAMATION: ILLINOIS BALLET DAY – November 15, 2003

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL KEY CLUB WEEK – November 2 – 8, 2003

PROCLAMATION: EPILEPSY FOUNDATION: EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH –
November, 2003

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Executive Sessions held on October 28, 2003, as printed; 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.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

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

(03-620) Communication from Acting Director of Public Works Requesting Approval to PURCHASE REAL ESTATE (Approximately 106 Square Feet) Located at 2028 WEST FORREST HILL AVENUE for RIGHT-OF-WAY for PHASE II IMPROVEMENT of WEST FORREST HILL AVENUE.

**(03-621) Communication from Acting Director of Public Works Regarding a REPORT on
* AMEREN-CILCO ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTIONS PROGRAM GRANT AWARD, with Recommendation to Receive and File.**

(03-622) Communication from Superintendent of Police Regarding CEASEFIRE ILLINOIS, with Recommendation to Receive and File. (For Information Only)

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

Council Member Gulley requested Item No. 03-621 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 03-620 through 03-622 (excluding 03-621 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.

(03-621) * Communication from Acting Director of Public Works Regarding a REPORT on AMEREN-CILCO ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTIONS PROGRAM GRANT AWARD, with Recommendation to Receive and File.

Council Member Gulley moved to receive and file the report on Ameren-Cilco Environmental Connections Program Grant Award; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Council Member Gulley stated it was suggested that the City of Peoria take a more active role in replacing some of the trees in the area and encourage citizens to install trees on their property. He explained there was a participation program that currently had approximately \$8,000 for tree installation in the City of Peoria. He said citizens would be reimbursed 50% of the cost or up to \$100.00. He said the program would be initiated by Ameren-Cilco who would be working in partnership with the City of Peoria and a kick-off of the program would be held around the Blaine-Sumner School. He encouraged citizens to participate in this program. He also expressed his appreciation to Ameren-Cilco for their support.

Motion to receive and file the report on Ameren-Cilco Environmental Connections Program Grant Award was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(03-623) Communication from General Manager of the Peoria Civic Center Regarding their 2004 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, with Recommendation to Receive and File.

Following some brief clarifications in the report, Council Member Grayeb said it was his intent for the Civic Center Authority to provide a briefing to the entire City Council regarding their plans for the next ten years in January, 2004.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the Peoria Civic Center's 2004 Fiscal Year Budget; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (03-624) **Communications from Director of Economic Development Regarding PEORIA NEXT INNOVATION CENTER as Follows:**
- A. PRESENTATION Regarding PEORIA NEXT INNOVATION CENTER;**
 - B. Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of the RESOLUTION Requesting STATE OF ILLINOIS FUNDING for the PEORIA NEXT INNOVATION CENTER;**
 - C. Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of the PROPOSED FUNDING STRATEGY for U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) GRANT FUNDS as Outlined, and Requesting Authorization for the Interim City Manager to Execute the NECESSARY SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT;**
 - D. Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Authorization to SUBMIT the EDA PREAPPLICATION for FEDERAL FUNDING of the PEORIA NEXT INNOVATION CENTER, and Requesting Authorization for the Interim City Manager or the Mayor to Execute the Necessary Documents.**

Council Member Teplitz said Mr. Jim McConoughey representing the Peoria Economic Development Council, Mr. Michael Bryant, Chairman of the Medical Technical District Commission and Bradley Professor Bob Scott would be making a presentation regarding Peoria NEXT. She added that Dr. Richard Lister would not be able to attend this meeting but she expressed her appreciation for his commitment. She also thanked Director of Economic Development Dave Dobson and his Staff for their dedication to the project.

Director of Economic Development Dave Dobson gave a brief overview of the three communications before the City Council for their consideration. He said thirteen requests for qualification responses had been received from various firms throughout the country in relationship to carrying out the planning process. He said the incubator would consist of approximately 50,000 square feet of space and would be located on West Main Street. He said there had been lease commitments secured for 15,000 square feet which was about 50% of leaseable space in the building and Bradley University had also expressed their desire to relocate the Turner Center for Entrepreneurship in this building to provide services for that facility.

Director Dobson said the City would need to be the recipient of the grant and would have to stand behind the incubator for a twenty year period. He explained the City could satisfy those requirements by taking over the maintenance of the facility or through a repayment of the grant through a prorated basis through EDA.

Mr. Jim McConoughey, representing the Peoria Economic Development Council, gave a presentation regarding the Peoria NEXT Innovation Center. He said over \$1 billion was invested each year in research and development in the Peoria area and, due to the lack of business development facilitation and lack of places for these ventures to grow, the returns from the \$1 billion investment were commercialized elsewhere. He explained a foundation was being established to build a place for commercialization that would have long term impacts of bringing quality jobs to the City. He said as small firms grew and graduated from the incubator, they would be expected to evolve into profitable enterprises which would contribute to the City's tax base.

Mr. McConoughey explained business incubation would nurture young firms and help them survive during the start-up period when new businesses were the most vulnerable. He said studies showed that 84% of incubator graduates stayed in their communities. He said Vision 2020 ED Task Force and Peoria NEXT had visited and researched over a dozen cities and incubators to find the best practices and types. He said the proposed incubator would have over 60% leaseable space with individual tenant suites, wet lab space, shared tenant conference rooms, common areas, and administrative support office space. He said the environment and energy generated by having scientists and entrepreneurs together in a collaborative work space was a strategic benefit of building an incubator. He said every new business that graduated from the center would be a tax generator that before now, would not have existed or would have gone to another community.

In discussion, Council Member Sandberg outlined the sources of investment that would total approximately \$10.7 million of the \$12 million needed, and he questioned where the remaining money would come from.

Mr. McConoughey said the needed \$1.3 million could be handled by debt service based on the guaranteed rents that had already been secured or that amount could be fund raised to meet the needed \$12 million. He referred to the amount of rent that would be charged to the tenants and pointed out that they did not want to harm new businesses by charging too much rent, but they did not want to charge too little either that would not be comparable to rents in the real world.

Council Member Sandberg stated, at a conceptual level, the price would be \$240 a square foot. He asked if Mr. McConoughey was comfortable with that amount.

Professor Bob Scott said he consulted with the architects of this project to understand how they arrived at their numbers. He said construction costs were about \$140 a square foot. He said the difference between the two numbers was the costs to make the building functionable. He said there would be two kinds of labs and ventilation systems that would control air quality, and mechanical systems to make it possible to control the environment and safety. He said comparisons of construction of similar types of buildings reflected that costs were about \$139.00 a square foot which was close to their estimate for this project. He said they were being very cautious at this stage but the final numbers would not be known until the final designs were in front of them. He said construction costs for this building would be much more expensive than normal construction costs.

Dr. Scott said \$1.4 million of the costs was for fixtures and furnishings. He explained they would like the inside of the building to have a consistent appearance. He said he felt there could be some savings by phasing the furnishings into the project or have the tenants lease the furnishings they needed.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Mr. McConoughey said the center would pay a percentage of property taxes to the City.

Council Member Nichting discussed the special mechanical and ventilation systems needed for a project like this that was outlined in an earlier meeting. He spoke in support of the project and he pointed out that the benefits of this project would not be evident immediately, but as time passed, this project would benefit and improve the entire community. He said this would be a long process so it needed to begin as soon as possible.

In discussion with Council Member Spears regarding the City's obligation and exposure, Mr. McConoughey said the EDA obligation had the intent to have the building in existence for twenty years for the incubation of technology businesses. He said, if for some reason, Peoria NEXT could not conduct incubation businesses at that facility, the City would have an obligation to either continue to operate the building up to twenty years or they could pay the loan back per rada share for the remaining period of

time. He said since it was a \$2 million EDA, they tried to secure ties for that amount of money and he assumed there would be a development agreement that would lien the property for the \$2 million so the City would have no liability for operations.

In discussion with Council Member Grayeb regarding examples of commercialized intellectual property which had been exported from the Central Illinois area through the years, Mr. Connehay said there was a product developed at the Peoria Agricultural Lab which was now contained in every disposable diaper manufactured in the United States that had grown into a billion dollar economy. Mr. Bryant said in the years the Agricultural Lab had been in Peoria, not a single discovery had stayed in Peoria or Illinois. Dr. Scott said production grade of penicillin was developed in Peoria but was exported from the area.

Following further discussion, Council Member Teplitz moved to receive and file the Presentation regarding Peoria NEXT Innovation Center; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Teplitz moved to approve the Resolution requesting State of Illinois funding for the Peoria NEXT Innovation Center; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-624 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Teplitz moved to approve the proposed funding strategy for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant Funds, as outlined, and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the necessary subrecipient agreement; 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.

Council Member Teplitz moved to authorize the City to submit the EDA preapplication for federal funding of the Peoria NEXT Innovation Center, and authorize the Interim City Manager or the Mayor to execute the necessary documents; 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.

Council Member Teplitz and Council Member Nichting left the Council Chambers.

- (03-625) Communication from Director of Human Resources Requesting Authorization to PAY THE COST of the MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM at the Rate of \$66.60 per Month for Those Retired City Employees and their Spouses on the HEALTHCARE PLAN Who are Age 65 and Over and Eligible for Medicare for the Budget Year 2004 at a Cost of Approximately \$268,531.**

Council Member Thetford said there were some Council Members who had questions that needed to be answered about this item. She moved to defer this item for two weeks until the November 18, 2003, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Motion to defer this item until November 18, 2003, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gulley, Morris, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 8;

Nays: Grayeb - 1.

Council Member Teplitz and Council Member Nichting returned to the Council Chambers.

- (03-626) Communication from Acting Director of Public Works Recommending Approval of the ARTSPARTNERS SELECTIONS and INSTALLATION of WELCOME TO PEORIA SIGNS Contingent upon IDOT Approval. (Refer to Item Nos. 03-105 and 03-569)**

Council Member Thetford gave a brief history of this project and said there was a fourth sign that would be used in certain places around town in appropriate areas. She said there were three locations where signs could be installed as soon as possible but the majority of the sign locations would have to be approved by I.D.O.T. She added that this project came in under budget.

Council Member Thetford moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Ms. Suzette Boulais; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to Ms. Suzette Boulais.

Ms. Suzette Boulais, ArtsPartners Executive Director, thanked the City Staff and others who were committed to the project.

Council Member Morris moved to approve the Artspartners selections and installation of Welcome to Peoria Signs contingent upon IDOT approval; 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.

- (03-627) Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval for a \$100,000 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND LOAN to ROECKER CABINETS, INC., Secured with Collateral as Outlined, and Requesting Authorization for the Interim City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve a \$100,000 business development fund loan to Roecker Cabinets, Inc., secured with collateral as outlined, and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Motion to approve a \$100,000 business development fund loan to Roecker Cabinets, Inc., secured with collateral as outlined, and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the necessary documents was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(03-628) Communication from Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of a RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT of PURSUING AVENUES of INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION with the COUNTY OF PEORIA and Other Governmental Units.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Resolution in support of pursuing avenues of intergovernmental cooperation with the County of Peoria and other governmental units; seconded by Council Member Turner.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-628 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(03-629) SITE APPROVAL for a CLASS "A" (Tavern) LIQUOR LICENSE for 7805 N. UNIVERSITY, with Recommendation of Liquor Commission to DENY.

Council Member Nichting moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those who wished to address this issue; seconded by Council Member Turner.

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

Mr. Phil Newton, 2408 W. Madera, spoke in support of denying the site approval for a liquor license at the 7805 N. University location.

In discussion with Mayor Ransburg, Corporation Counsel Randy Ray explained that even though the Council adopted an Ordinance the previous week in that an adult use business would no longer be able to hold a liquor license, the application for site approval for 7805 N. University needed to be dealt with by a City Council vote.

Ms. Sandra Fritz presented Petitions bearing 204 signatures supporting ordinances to strongly regulate sexually oriented businesses to the Council. She discussed the Commission that her group had put together to further their cause.

Council Member Nichting moved to DENY the site approval for a Class "A" (tavern) Liquor license for 7805 N. University; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Council Member Sandberg said he would be abstaining from the discussion and the vote due to professional services he had performed at this project location for the petitioner.

Motion to DENY the site approval for a Class "A" (tavern) Liquor license for 7805 N. University was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Sandberg - 1.

(03-630) Communication from Interim City Manager Requesting the City Council to SET A DATE of NOVEMBER 11, 2003, at 7:00 P.M. for a Meeting to be Held at the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER, 201 S. W. JEFFERSON, EXHIBIT HALL B, for a PRESENTATION of the FINAL HEART OF PEORIA PLAN.

Council Member Teplitz moved to move the Regular City Council Meeting on November 11, 2003, to the Peoria Civic Center, 201 S.W. Jefferson, Exhibit Hall B, and to begin at 7:00 P.M., to hear a presentation of the Final Heart of Peoria Plan by Andres Duany on behalf of Duany Plater-Zyberk, and suspend all other normal business with the exception of an Executive Session, if needed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Director of Economic Development Dave Dobson said that the presentation would be televised on Channel 22. He thanked his Staff Assistant Economic Development Director Karie Friling, Senior Development Specialist Ben Vyverberg and Fiscal Tech Susan Schlupp for their efforts on the Peoria NEXT Project, the Roecker's Cabinet Loan and the coming presentation of the Final Heart of Peoria Plan.

Motion to move the Regular City Council Meeting on November 11, 2003, to the Peoria Civic Center, 201 S.W. Jefferson, Exhibit Hall B, and to begin at 7:00 P.M., to hear a presentation of the Final Heart of Peoria Plan by Andres Duany on behalf of Duany Plater-Zyberk, and suspend all other normal business with the exception of an Executive Session, if needed, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(03-375) Communications Regarding BUDGET RELATED REPORT BACKS on the Following Items, with Recommendation to Receive and File. (Refer to Item Nos. 03-333 and 03-558)

A. Communication from Fire Chief Regarding a REPORT BACK Regarding the CONSOLIDATION of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING FUNCTIONS within the FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Turner moved to receive and file the report back regarding the consolidation of Emergency Management and Planning Functions with the Fire Department; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

In discussion with Council Member Nichting regarding the consolidation of ESDA and the Fire Department, Fire Chief Roy Modglin said citizens could expect the same level of service as before and would see a smooth transition. He said the Fire Department was very capable of handling and continuing the ESDA responsibilities.

Fire Chief Modglin explained that the coordination of responses to emergencies would continue to be provided by the City of Peoria Departments as well as the public and private agencies in the community. He said the Fire Department would also be the contact for State and Federal agencies for making official requests for additional resources in case there was a local or regional disaster. He pointed out the Fire Department would be the coordinating agency for State and Federal grants, which in the coming year would be very important. He said it was already in next year's budget that the local area would soon become a five-county regional area and there was \$1 million slated to come to this area. He stated there needed to be someone to coordinate these grant applications and stay on target. He said the Fire Department was well suited to perform those duties and Assistant Fire Chief Kent Tomblin had been appointed as Interim Director about three weeks ago. He said Assistant Chief Tomblin had been successful in completing applications for over \$83,000 in grants that could have been lost had they not been completed by October 31, 2003. He commended Assistant Chief Tomblin for handling a major five-county assessment to qualify for the \$1 million in such a short period of time. He said had this not been completed, the opportunity for the \$1 million would have been lost.

Fire Chief Modglin said if the consolidation was approved by Council, the ESDA functions would be incorporated in the Fire Department with only one additional person. He said there were four employees in the ESDA Department about six months ago as a stand alone department but the only position that needed to be retained was that of the Emergency Planner. He said the remaining duties would be incorporated into the current Fire Department Staff. He said these reductions would amount to \$188,000 per year in reductions in the budget.

In further discussion with Council Member Nichting, Fire Chief Modglin said one of the critical benefits that the City could receive by this consolidation was that the City would have more direct control over the emergency planning and management as it related to the deployment of the City's resources. He said one of the things that needed to be remembered was that whether an emergency occurred in the City of Peoria, County of Peoria or any place in the region, City departments would be responding to that emergency. He said it made sense for the Fire Department to perform the initial planning functions prior to emergencies, if they would also be on the front lines of the emergency.

In discussion with Council Member Grayeb, Fire Chief Modglin confirmed that the Fire Department was more than capable of handling these additional duties. He gave a brief overview of the management positions in the Fire Department and he said there would be a request for the Division Chief for Prevention to be reinstated, but this would be a minimal cost, approximately \$3,200.00, adjustment in the Fire Department budget.

In discussion with Council Member Grayeb regarding the continued use of the ESDA building on Grandview Drive, Interim City Manager Steve Van Winkle said there would be a study to determine whether or not the building would be needed. He said there were some needs there regarding a tower and other communicative issues that the City would need to maintain but this would be considered in the near future.

In discussion with Council Member Thetford regarding her concerns about the Emergency Communications Center, Interim City Manager Steve Van Winkle said that the current ECC Supervisor Dave Tuttle would continue in that function and he felt the ECC was in good hands. He said he would be recommending to the new City Manager that the Emergency Communications Center continue as a stand along department with assistance from the City Manager's Office.

In discussion with Council Member Nichting, Assistant Fire Chief Kent Tomblin confirmed that there were a great many Fire Chiefs throughout the State who also served as the ESDA Director.

Council Member Spears said he felt this consolidation would be a great advantage for everyone in the Tri-County area. He said he felt the lines of communication would be more open between the Federal government and the Fire and Police Departments than before and he felt more grants would be awarded to the region. He said he also felt communication would be better between the County and smaller communities also.

Motion to receive and file the report back regarding the consolidation of Emergency Management and Planning Functions with the Fire Department was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

B. Communication from Assistant City Manager Regarding a REPORT BACK on GATEWAY BUILDING OPERATIONS.

Following a brief discussion, Council Member Spears moved to defer this item for two weeks until the November 18, 2003, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Thetford said she would also like more information regarding this subject and what the savings would be with an exclusive catering contract. She said she was not in support of that aspect of the recommendation.

Motion to defer this item until the November 18, 2003, Regular Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS Regarding PEORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FASHION SHOW

Council Member Thetford said she participated in a fashion show sponsored by the Peoria Historical Society which focused on women for four centuries from 1620 to 1920. She commended the Society for their efforts. She said she portrayed Ardella Brown and she gave a brief history of the woman. She added that Illinois was the first State east of the Mississippi River to grant women the right to vote.

COMMENTS Regarding the WEST MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Council Member Teplitz thanked the Public Works Department for their wonderful work on the West Main Street Improvement Project. She invited the public to take a ride and look at all the improvements. She said it was almost completed and had really improved the whole area. She commended State Senator George Shadid for his assistance in the project.

COMMENTS Regarding the SEARCH for a PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Council Member Morris said a Search Committee had been appointed and a consulting firm had been hired by the Peoria Public Library Board to perform a search for a new Director of the Peoria Public Library. He said the process was under way.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- (03-631) **Recommendation to Approve 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 Grayeb 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 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 Grayeb moved to adjourn the Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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

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