

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, December 16, 2003, a Regular Meeting of the City Council and Town Board was held this date at 6:17 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, Mayor Pro Tem Gale Thetford presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Council Members present: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Thetford – 10; Absent: Mayor Ransburg.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Thetford requested a moment of silent prayer and then she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Executive Sessions held on December 9, 2003, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA**

**(03-699) PUBLIC HEARING before the BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES of the TOWN of the CITY of PEORIA Regarding the Extension of an ENTERPRISE ZONE Established by City of Peoria Ordinance No. 11,051, and the Corresponding Abatement of Town Taxes Within Said Area.**

Trustee Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing before the Board of Town Trustees of the Town of the City of Peoria regarding the extension of an Enterprise Zone established by City of Peoria Ordinance No. 11,051, and the corresponding abatement of Town Taxes within said area; seconded by Trustee Morris.

No objections were heard.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:21 P.M.

Following a third call for public comments, Chairman Pro Tem Thetford determined that no one wished to address the issue. Trustee Nichting moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Trustee Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Turner,  
Chairman Pro Tem Thetford - 10;

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:22 P.M.

- (03-700)      **Communication from Town Clerk Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE Approving the City of Peoria's EXTENSION of an EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE, Establishing PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT as an ENTERPRISE ZONE INCENTIVE and Eliminating Certain Territory, and Approving the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with the City.**

Trustee Nichting moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the City of Peoria's Extension of an existing Enterprise Zone, establishing property tax abatement as an Enterprise Zone Incentive and eliminating certain territory, and approving the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City; seconded by Trustee Grayeb.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. TO-03-04 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas:    Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Turner,  
          Chairman Pro Tem Thetford - 10;

Nays:    None.

#### **PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**

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

- (03-701)      **PAYMENT ESTIMATE for PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE I CONSTRUCTION for CHARTER OAK ROAD EXTENSION (Roadway embankment construction along Charter Oak Road and along Big Hollow Road – North, construction of a dual box culvert to carry the proposed Charter Oak Road roadway extension over a Big Hollow Creek tributary, staged construction of a two-span railroad bridge/roadway underpass carrying the existing UPRR dual mainline trackage over the proposed Charter Oak Road roadway extension.) FREESEN, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #14: \$698,605.26; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$698,605.26, with Recommendation to Receive and File. (For Information Only)**
- (03-702)      **Communication from Superintendent of Police Requesting Approval to**  
\*                **PURCHASE POLICE COMMUNITY TRAINING ROOM AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT UPGRADE from MIDWEST VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS, in the Amount of \$12,905.00.**
- (03-703)      **Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Authorization to PURCHASE Approximately 832 Square Feet of REAL ESTATE For Right-of-Way for Property Located at 6000 NORTH BIG HOLLOW ROAD for the CHARTER OAK ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT, in the Amount of \$10,000.00.**
- (03-704)      **Communication from Director of Information Systems Requesting Authorization to PURCHASE STORAGE AREA NETWORK (SAN) and TAPE LIBRARY SYSTEM from S.E.A. GROUP, INC., in the Amount of \$164,870.10.**
- (03-705)      **Communication from Superintendent of Police Requesting Authorization to PURCHASE THREE VEHICLES from GREEN CHEVROLET, Using Asset Forfeiture Funds, in the Amount of \$44,802.29.**
- (03-706)      **Communication from Corporation Counsel Requesting Authorization to SETTLE LITIGATION in Cook County with PRIMECO, in the Amount of \$241.01, and US CELLULAR in the Amount of \$170,000.00.**

- (03-707) Communication from Management and Labor Co-Chairs Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a ONE-YEAR STOP LOSS INSURANCE CONTRACT through HCH ADMINISTRATION with Risk Assessment Strategies for the Year 2004.
- (03-708) Communication from Acting Equal Opportunity Office Director Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Enter Into an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with the GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT For AFFIRMATIVE ACTION MONITORING on DISTRICT-OWNED SEWER PROJECTS.
- (03-709) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Approval of RESOLUTION NO. 03-709 Authorizing NAMED BANKS to HONOR CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC., of the CITY of PEORIA and Authorizing the CITY MANAGER, CITY TREASURER and the FINANCE DIRECTOR/COMPTROLLER to Accept and Release Securities For Safekeeping Held By a Third Party, and REPEALING RESOLUTION No. 03-501.
- (03-710) Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of RESOLUTION NO. 03-710 Certifying that the CITY of PEORIA TITLE IX ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANT Meets the REQUIREMENTS of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION.
- (03-711) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Recommending Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 15,564 Amending the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2003 of the City of Peoria Relating to LIBRARY GRANTS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS.
- (03-712) Communication from Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management  
\*\* Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 13,251 an EXISTING SPECIAL USE in a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District for CHURCH FACILITIES to Include a 16' by 24' DETACHED GARAGE for Property Located at 405 N. RICHARD PRYOR PLACE.
- (03-713) Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a QUIT CLAIM DEED Conveying N. 102 MOUND STREET, in Consideration of \$2,500.00 Plus Closing Costs, to PHD SERVICES L.L.C.
- (03-714) Communication from Management Co-Chair and Labor Co-Chairs Regarding the 2003 THIRD QUARTER HEALTHCARE REPORT, with Recommendation to Receive and File.

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

- (03-677) Communication from Fire Chief Regarding REPORT BACK on DEPLOYMENT of  
\*\*\* EMERGENCY RESPONSE FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT. (For Information Only)

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

Council Member Gulley requested Item No. 03-677 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Sandberg requested Item No. 03-712 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Nichting requested Item No. 03-702 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 03-701 through 03-714 (excluding 03-702, 03-712, and 03-677 which were 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, Turner,  
Mayor Pro Tem Thetford - 10;

Nays: None.

**(03-702)      Communication from Superintendent of Police Requesting Approval to  
\*      PURCHASE POLICE COMMUNITY TRAINING ROOM AUDIOVISUAL  
EQUIPMENT UPGRADE from MIDWEST VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS OF  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS, in the Amount of \$12,905.00.**

Police Chief John Stenson distributed a replacement communication to all members of the City Council listing the EEO number.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the replacement communication and approve the purchase of Police Community Training Room Audiovisual Equipment Upgrade from Midwest Visual Communications of Decatur, Illinois, in the amount of \$12,905.00; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(03-712)      Communication from Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management  
\*\*      Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 13,251 an  
EXISTING SPECIAL USE in a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District for  
CHURCH FACILITIES to Include a 16' by 24' DETACHED GARAGE for  
Property Located at 405 N. RICHARD PRYOR PLACE.**

Council Member Sandberg said he would be abstaining from the vote due to his architectural work on this project.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 13,251 an Existing Special Use in a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District for Church Facilities to include a 16' by 24' detached garage for property located at 405 N. Richard Pryor Place; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,565 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Pro Tem  
Thetford - 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Sandberg - 1.

**(03-677)      Communication from Fire Chief Regarding REPORT BACK on DEPLOYMENT of  
\*\*\*      EMERGENCY RESPONSE FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT. (For Information  
         Only)**

Council Member Gulley expressed concern that this plan would take an aerial ladder truck out of service, effective January 1, 2004. He said this was a new plan and he questioned if the City Manager would be reviewing the plan before it went into effect. He requested some clarity of the plan.

City Manager Randy Oliver said, based on the formulation of the budget for the Council that was approved, the Fire Chief explained his rationale for this plan, with which he concurred. He said he felt this plan was the best way to address the allocation of resources within the Fire Department. He said choices were limited at this time of year and he proposed that within the next 30 days, he would be bringing back an approach to review and evaluate the provision of emergency services, to include fire and ambulance service. He said he felt this approach would provide a comprehensive basis to addressing the provision of these services, rather than looking at pieces of equipment or station by station. He said this would be brought back before the Council during the month of January, 2004.

Council Member Gulley said he wanted it made clear to the public that this action tonight was not the final decision, and this plan was still in the review process. He said there may be other options that would come to the Council. He said there were some very real public concerns about the proposed plan, and he felt there were some citizens who wished to speak to the proposed plan. He said he was not satisfied with the proposed plan because it was unfair to the First District.

City Manager Oliver said as of December 31, 2003, this plan would be implemented, if nothing changed. He added, it was his understanding that based on the guidelines the Fire Chief was given during the Budget process, he said the Fire Chief felt this was the best option. He said there was another option, which was superior, but there would be a need to reopen the Firefighter contract and there was no interest to do that.

Council Member Teplitz moved to receive and file the report back on deployment of emergency response firefighting equipment; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Council Member Sandberg pointed out there were only four truck companies in the City, so options were limited.

Council Member Ardis moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Rev. Terry Cassidy; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Thetford granted Privilege of the Floor to Rev. Terry Cassidy.

Rev. Terry Cassidy, 1010 S. Louisa, Pastor of St. Anne's Catholic Church and St. Martin dePorres Catholic Church, which he said, were both located in the South side of Peoria. He expressed concern that the neighborhoods were not informed of this decision. He pointed out that there were only four truck companies in the City and if two fires occurred at the same time, there would be a shortage of firefighting equipment. He said most fires were on the Southside plus the houses were closer together, and many of the residents did not have insurance.

Fire Chief Roy Modglin referred to the motion approved by Council on December 2, 2003, regarding the Budget, and he explained the only other options available following this motion was to close down a truck company or rescue squads. He said it was explained in the communication why rescue squads could not be closed down, which only left the option of truck companies or a jump crew. He said a jump crew would not be allowed at this time without reopening the Firefighter union contract. He said the options were narrowed to truck companies only. He said he agreed with comments made that these were not good options; however, he said he was left with no other choice.

Fire Chief Modglin explained the truck companies on Northmoor Road could not be closed down because it was the only truck in the northern part of the City. He said that left three truck companies, one at Fire Central, one at #3 House and #4 House, which were located in the areas of the City that had the largest number of fires. He said truck company #1 could not be taken out of service because it protected the downtown loop area where all the high rise buildings were located. He said truck company #3 on Armstrong also protected the loop because of the large number of people in those high rise buildings. He said this left truck company #4 in the Southside of the City, and truck company #4 was a busy truck company. He said by taking truck company #4 out of service, this created a gap in the south end so truck company #1 was moved from Central House to the #8 House. He said this was best option to fill the gap. He said there were no good options. He explained he met with the new City Manager last Thursday to get his approval and the plan was distributed on Friday. He added he could not make an announcement to the general public prior to getting the City Manager's approval.

In discussion with Mayor Pro Tem Thetford, Fire Chief Modglin said a truck company would be located farther from the South end than before, but it was also farther from the North end. He said this was the best option.

Council Member Nichting moved for a substitute motion to remove all fire station and/or equipment closure restrictions, and give the Fire Administration and the City Manager the authority to determine the appropriate action that would do the least damage to the delivery of fire services in the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Nichting said this would allow the fire professionals to provide their professional opinion as to what was in the best interest of the citizens, firefighters, and the community. He agreed there were no good solutions.

In discussion with Mayor Pro Tem Thetford regarding whether or not this would include the hiring of 11 firefighters, Council Member Nichting clarified the hiring of 11 firefighters was out of the budget, but it would allow Fire Chief Modglin to decide how to provide services to the community.

City Manager Oliver clarified this would not change the \$600,000 the Fire Department would have to find in savings.

Council Member Gulle y expressed concern that the proposed option was not on the list of recommendations that was presented to Council during previous Budget discussions. He said he felt there were other available options.

In discussion, City Manager Oliver said it was his understanding that the motion would allow the fire professionals and himself to provide the highest level of fire service possible within the budget guidelines. He said he felt this was the best approach. He said he and the Fire Chief would work on an alternative solution between now and January 1, 2004.

Council Member Ardis said he felt the public should be made aware of what the final decision would be prior to January 1, 2004. He expressed concern that this may mean that one of the fire houses would be closed. He requested that the information be provided to the citizens through the City's Information Officer as soon as possible, and he suggested that the information be widely distributed to the public, because this was probably the last Council Meeting for the year.

Council Member Grayeb said the ultimate responsibility for public safety rested with the City Council. He indicated that a Special City Council Meeting may be set in the next several weeks, if the recommendation was as wrong as what was provided up to this point. He said he reluctantly supported the motion because of the potential for loss of life for firefighters or citizens. He said this was a City-wide issue. He said the citizens needed to know what was being recommended at the earliest possible date.

Council Member Turner said he would support the motion, but he suggested reviewing possible public-private partnerships.

Substitute motion to remove all fire station and/or equipment closure restrictions, and give the Fire Administration and the City Manager the authority to determine the appropriate action that would do the least damage to the delivery of fire services in the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Thetford - 9;

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

**(03-715) Communication from Assistant to the City Manager/Public Information Officer Regarding the CITY of PEORIA SURVEY RESULTS, with Recommendation to Receive and File.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Thetford granted Privilege of the Floor to Dr. Bernard Goitein.

Dr. Bernard Goitein discussed the survey and gave a brief overview of the Executive Summary. He said the results were favorable at the most basic level regarding whether or not people felt Peoria was a good place to raise a family. He said 82% indicated Peoria was a good place to raise their family. He indicated that people generally felt Peoria was a safe place to live and most City services were rated positively. He reported 68% of the people were satisfied with fire service and 63% were satisfied with police services.

Council Member Gulley questioned how many people from the First District were reflected in the results.

Dr. Goitein explained that a random sample of people were taken from the telephone book within the City limits. He said several hundred people were selected and they diligently tried to contact those people that were selected. He said 20% refused to be interviewed. He said he couldn't guarantee there were enough cases to safely characterize a particular Council District. He said he was asked to conduct a survey and they talked to 151 people, which was within a certain statistical level to indicate something about the entire City. He said there were at least ten cases per zip code.

Council Member Nichting left the Council Chambers.

Council Member Turner moved to receive and file the City of Peoria Survey Results; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Thetford - 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Nichting returned to the Council Chambers.

**(03-716) Communication from Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendations from the Human Resources Commission (HRC) to Approve FUNDING for IDENTIFIED PROGRAMS with HOUSING and URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.**

Council Member Grayeb thanked all members of the Human Resources Commission for the hard and diligent work they had performed and for their recommendations, which were extremely difficult. He said over \$1 million was requested by 41 applicants and the amount the City of Peoria had to spend was \$346,000 in CDBG monies.

Council Member Grayeb moved to concur with the recommendation from the Human Resources Commission (HRC) to approve funding for identified programs with Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Funds, as outlined in the communication; seconded by Council Member Morris.

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

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

Mr. Percy Baker, 1229 N. Douglas and Director of Carver Center, expressed concern about the allocations and the fact that programs at Carver Center were not funded. He said he did not have an opportunity to provide feedback to the Commission to explain Carver Center's needs. He pointed out there were only three agencies in the Southside of Peoria who received funding. He discussed the need to provide programs for children who lived around Carver Center and the problems and frustrations with not having enough funding. He indicated their request was for \$22,000 to cover 75 children.

Ms. Lesley Matuzak, Director of Boys and Girls Club, discussed the programs provided and urged the Council to consider funding the programs that provided tutoring and mentoring young people. She invited anyone interested to visit the facility and make their own determination regarding the need for their programs.

Council Member Gulley expressed concern that there were gaps in services on the Southside regarding programs for young people, and some programs were over-allocated in other areas. He stressed the need for these programs that were not funded. He suggested that the Commission review the applications differently for future allocations.

Council Member Spears said the Council needed to set new goals and guidelines for the allocation of this money in the first quarter of 2004. He said the Council needed to make a list of their priorities for the funding of programs.

Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes commended Commission Chairman Diana Joseph for her efforts in securing a commitment from HUD to come to Peoria to provide a special training session for commission members as well as applicants.

Council Member Morris moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Pat Sullivan; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Thetford granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Pat Sullivan to address the Council.

Mr. Pat Sullivan, 100 State Street, urged the Council to consider funding the Boys and Girls Club at some level. He indicated there were over 400 children who participated in the program and he said funding was needed.

Commission Chairman Joseph explained that there was a meeting held each year for the applicants so they could clarify their requests. She added that at the meeting when Commissioners cast their vote for the different programs, applicants were not allowed to address the Commission at that meeting.



Motion to concur with the recommendation from the Human Resources Commission (HRC) to approve funding for identified programs with Housing and Urban Development Community development Block Grant Funds, as outlined in the communication was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Thetford - 9;

Nays: Gulley - 1.

**(03-717) Communication from Director of Public Works Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE VACATING ALL of the ALLEY in BLOCK TWO OF CAMBLIN'S ADDITION, Not Previously Vacated by Ordinance No. 15,261.**

Council Member Ardis moved to adopt the Ordinance vacating all of the alley in Block Two of Camblin's Addition, not previously vacated by Ordinance No. 15,261; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,566 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(03-685) Communication from Director of Finance/Comptroller Requesting Approval of 2003 ENCUMBRANCES. (New Communication)**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the 2003 Encumbrances; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins said any encumbered funds would be reflected in a Budget amendment in March, 2004.

Council Member Sandberg said he would like to know more about the \$5 million allocated for capital sometime before March, 2004.

Motion to approve the 2003 Encumbrances was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(03-692) Communication from Director of Finance/Comptroller Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES for Fiscal Year 2004 for MUNICIPAL PURPOSES for the City of Peoria, in the Amount of \$18,998,761.**

Council Member Turner moved to adopt the Ordinance levying taxes for fiscal year 2004 for Municipal Purposes for the City of Peoria, in the amount of \$18,998,761; seconded by Council Member Morris.

City Manager Randy Oliver pointed out this was the 12<sup>th</sup> year the City's tax rate had either remained constant or had been reduced. He said other taxing entities had elected to raise their levy and that was not the case with the City.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,567 levying taxes for fiscal year 2004 for Municipal Purposes for the City of Peoria, in the amount of \$18,998,761 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**NEW BUSINESS****(03-718) REQUEST for REPORT BACK Regarding COSTS and APPLICABILITY of USING THE PREEMPTION SYSTEM to Reduce RESPONSE TIMES OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES.**

Council Member Turner requested a report back on cost and applicability of using the preemption system, which was a system used in Phoenix, Arizona, to reduce response time for fire trucks and other emergency vehicles. He said the system would allow the operator of the emergency vehicle to turn stop lights green to make their response time faster.

No objections were heard.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****(01-800) REQUEST to REMOVE FROM THE TABLE the ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to ZONING REQUIRMENTS for LIQUOR LICENSE SITE APPROVAL, and PLACE THIS ITEM on the FEBRUARY 4, 2004, CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**

Council Member Spears moved to remove from the Table the Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to Zoning Requirements for Liquor License Site Approval and place this item on the February 4, 2004, City Council Meeting Agenda; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Turner - 9;

Nays: Mayor Pro Tem Thetford - 1.

**NEW BUSINESS****(03-719) REQUEST to CANCEL the REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS Scheduled for TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2003, and TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2003, DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.**

Council Member Nichting moved to cancel the Regular City Council Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 23, 2003, and Tuesday, December 30, 2003, due to the Holidays; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENT Regard the MAILING of LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL PACKETS**

City Clerk Mary Haynes announced that Liquor License Renewal Packets were mailed today. She commended her Staff for the quick turn-around and urged all liquor license holders to open their packet upon receipt because renewals were due January 31, 2004.

**COMMENTS and THANKS to CITY RETIREES and CITY EMPLOYEES**

City Clerk Mary Haynes thanked Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins for offering his Staff to assist the City Clerk's Office in getting Liquor License Renewals mailed. She also thanked City Retirees for offering to volunteer to assist the City Clerk's Office. She said the City Staff had continued to provide City services efficiently although those who retired in 2003 were greatly missed.

**INSTALLATION of CITY OF PEORIA WELCOME SIGNS**

Council Member Morris announced that City of Peoria Welcome Signs would be installed on December 18<sup>th</sup>. He thanked members of the City's Public Works Department and members of ArtsPartners for their work on this project.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL****(03-720) REQUEST from CITIZENS to Address the CITY COUNCIL Regarding VARIOUS ISSUES.**

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

Mrs. June Moore, 1409 W. Millman, President of Olde Towne South Neighborhood Association, welcomed City Manager Randy Oliver to Peoria. She requested a better explanation of the survey that was presented to the City Council. She said she did not feel her area was well represented. She added that the CDBG funding process needed to be changed so that more programs for kids in her neighborhood benefited.

Mr. Mark Luthy, 125 E. Glen, 112B, suggested that property taxes be raised for two years to provide a revenue stream to the City for their Budget, and he proposed some free parking ideas.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

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Mary L. Haynes, MMC  
City Clerk, Peoria, IL