

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, November 5, 2002, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:18 PM, at City Hall, 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, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11; Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ransburg requested a moment of silent prayer, and then he requested that members of Cub Scout Pack #23, Den 9, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PRESENTATION: ECHO 2002 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE – CITY OF PEORIA

PROCLAMATION: GOVERNOR'S 2002 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE – CENTRAL ILLINOIS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

PROCLAMATION: CANCER CENTER FOR HEALTHY LIVING

PROCLAMATION: KEY CLUB WEEK – November 3 – 9, 2002

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL HOME CARE MONTH – November 2002

PROCLAMATION: STUFF A BUS ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE DAYS – November 1 – 30, 2002

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on October 22, 2002, and the Public Forum for the Heart of Peoria Plan held on October 28, 2002, 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

(02-724) **Communication from Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of an AMENDMENT to the 1996 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY Regarding Payment of \$100,000.00 from HRA Taxes for the DOWNTOWN LAKEVIEW MUSEUM STUDY, with a Communication from the President and CEO of LAKEVIEW MUSEUM OF ARTS & SCIENCES.**

Council Member Grayeb acknowledged the presence of State Representative Ricca Slone, members of the Civic Center Authority Board and interested parties in the Lakeview Regional Museum project and thanked them for attending the Council Meeting, and then read a letter from Mr. Jim Richerson, President and CEO of the Lakeview Museum regarding support and funding for the new Downtown/Riverfront Museum complex.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the amendment to the 1996 Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Peoria and the Peoria Civic Center Authority regarding payment of \$100,000.00 from HRA taxes for the Downtown Lakeview Museum Study, and receive and file the communication from the President and CEO of Lakeview Museum of Arts & Sciences; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE.

- (02-725) **PAYMENT ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: ALLEN ROAD IMPROVEMENT (from Park 74 Drive to just N. of Illinois Route 6) (PCC widening, bituminous base course and base course widening, bituminous resurfacing, storm sewers, earthwork, traffic signals and other miscellaneous work.) P. J. HOERR, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #7: \$238,940.78; 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 #1: \$256,260.15; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$495,200.93. (For Information Only)**
- (02-726) **PAYMENT ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: 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 #1: \$8,889.80; KNOXVILLE AVENUE – MT. HAWLEY CONNECTOR ROAD (Construction of a new street between Knoxville Ave. and Mt. Hawley Road opposite the relocation of Country Meadows Lane and a church entrance. Included is the widening of the N. B. right turn lane at Northgate and construction of a directional median, the removal of a median north of Teton Dr., p.c.c. widening, bituminous base course, storm sewers, earthwork, traffic signals, bituminous resurfacing & other misc. work.) R. A. CULLINAN & SON, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #1: \$57,164.60; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$66,054.40. (For Information Only)**
- (02-727) **PAYMENT ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: US ROUTE 150 BRIDGE OVER ILLINOIS ROUTE 6 (Widening of existing structure, addition of drainage scuppers, embankment, formed concrete repairs, epoxy crack sealing and microsilica overlay.) OTTO BAUM COMPANY, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #7: \$136,272.20; U.S. ROUTE 150 & ILLINOIS ROUTE 91 (Widening, overlay and reconstruction of U.S. Route 150 from Trigger/Koerner Road to Frostwood Parkway, and Illinois Route 91 from U.S. Route 150 to the north) R. A. CULLINAN & SON, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #8: \$1,625,653.09; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$1,761,925.29. (For Information Only)**

- (02-728). **Communication from Fire Chief Requesting Authorization for a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of a FUELING SYSTEM UPGRADE from TRAK ENGINEERING, INC., in the Amount of \$15,000.00.**
- (02-729) **Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting to EXTEND the LEAD ABATEMENT/MITIGATION CONTRACT with the PEORIA CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (PCCEO) through February 28, 2003.**
- (02-730)
* **Communication from Corporation Counsel Requesting Authorization to SETTLE LITIGATION Filed by DAVID AND MARILYN SIMONS, in the Amount of \$137,500.00.**
- (02-731) **Communication from City Manager with RESOLUTION 02-731 Authorizing the SALVATION ARMY to SUBMIT an APPLICATION to the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS for GRANT FUNDING Available through the ILLINOIS EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM.**
- (02-732) **Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE NO. 15,382 Approving the FINAL PLAT of TIMBERBROOK SUBDIVISION SECTION ONE, a Single -Family Residential Development Located to the North of Bridlewood Subdivision Along the Eastern Side of Koerner/Trigger Road.**
- (02-733) **Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE NO. 15,383 Approving the FINAL PLAT of PINNACLE SUBDIVISION, a Single -Family Residential Development Located North of Northbrook Subdivision on the Eastern Side of Allen Road.**
- (02-734)
** **Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Reducing the 100-FOOT SETBACK to 50 Feet from Centerline Along JEFFERSON STREET for Property Located at 1819 S. W. ADAMS STREET.**
- (02-735)
*** **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2002 of the City of Peoria Relating to LIBRARY GRANTS, GIFTS, MEMORIALS, CITY CLERK OFFICE EQUIPMENT, PATRIOT'S DAY DONATIONS, GIS PROJECT REDUCTION, FIRE DEPARTMENT FUEL SYSTEM, RIVERFRONT PLAZA PROJECT, TARGET STORES, INC. DONATION, SULLIVAN/HUNT AGREEMENT, U.S. #150, IL RT. #91, AND I-74 SEWER RELOCATION, SEWER RECONSTRUCTION AND UTILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENTS.**
- (02-736)
**** **SITE APPROVAL for a CLASS "C" (PACKAGE GOODS) LIQUOR LICENSE for 3034 W. LINCOLN, with Recommendation of the Liquor Commission to Approve.**
- (02-737)
***** **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Regarding PRELIMINARY 2003 BUDGET.**

(02-738) REPORTS:

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- A. Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Regarding the SEPTEMBER 2002 REVENUE AND OPERATING EXPENDITURE REPORT and the SEPTEMBER 2002 ACTIVE CIP PROJECTS FINANCIAL REPORT UNAUDITED;**
 - B. PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT – September 30, 2002.**
 - C. PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT – September 30, 2002.**

CONSIDERATION of REPORT BACKS AS FOLLOWS:**(02-709) Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE to CONDOMINIUMS within the City of Peoria.**

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

Council Member Thetford requested Item No. 02-730 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Sandberg requested Item Nos 02-734 and 02-735 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Ardis requested Item No. 02-736 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Nichting requested Item No. 02-737 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 02-725 through 02-738 and 02-709 (excluding Item Nos. 02-730, 02-734, 02-735, 02-736 and 02-737 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, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;

Nays: None.

(02-730) Communication from Corporation Counsel Requesting Authorization to SETTLE LITIGATION Filed by DAVID AND MARILYN SIMONS, in the Amount of \$137,500.00.
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Council Member Thetford stated she would not be supporting this item.

Council Member Spears moved to approve authorization to settle litigation filed by David and Marilyn Simons in the amount of \$137,500.00; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Thetford – 1.

**(02-734) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with
** ORDINANCE Reducing the 100-FOOT SETBACK to 50 Feet from Centerline
Along JEFFERSON STREET for Property Located at 1819 S. W. ADAMS
STREET.**

Council Member Sandberg stated he would be abstaining from voting due to providing professional services to the petitioner.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance reducing the 100-Foot Setback to 50 Feet from Centerline along Jefferson Street for property located at 1819 S.W. Adams Street; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,384 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Sandberg - 1.

**(02-735) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending
*** the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2002 of the City of Peoria Relating to LIBRARY
GRANTS, GIFTS, MEMORIALS, CITY CLERK OFFICE EQUIPMENT,
PATRIOT'S DAY DONATIONS, GIS PROJECT REDUCTION, FIRE
DEPARTMENT FUEL SYSTEM, RIVERFRONT PLAZA PROJECT, TARGET
STORES, INC. DONATION, SULLIVAN/HUNT AGREEMENT, U.S. #150, IL RT.
#91, AND I-74 SEWER RELOCATION, SEWER RECONSTRUCTION AND
UTILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENTS.**

Council Member Sandberg stated he would be abstaining from voting on the portion relating to the Sullivan/Hunt Agreement of the budget amendment due to having provided professional services to the petitioner and requested this portion be voted on separately.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray said dividing the vote would be the best procedure in handling the abstention, unless Council Member Sandberg was willing to abstain on the entire ordinance.

Council Member Morris moved to divide the Ordinance; 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.

Council Member Morris moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for fiscal year 2002 of the City of Peoria relating to Library Grants, Gifts, Memorials, City Clerk Office Equipment, Patriot's Day Donations, GIS Project Reduction, Fire Department Fuel System, Riverfront Plaza Project, Target Stores, Inc. Donation, U.S. #150, IL Rt. #91, and I-74 Sewer Relocation, Sewer Reconstruction and Utility Relocation Agreements; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,385 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Morris moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for fiscal year 2002 of the City of Peoria relating to the Sullivan/Hunt Agreement; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,386 amending the Budget for fiscal year 2002 of the City of Peoria relating to the Sullivan/Hunt Agreement; was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Sandberg – 1.

(02-736) SITE APPROVAL for a CLASS “C” (PACKAGE GOODS) LIQUOR LICENSE
******* for 3034 W. LINCOLN, with Recommendation of the Liquor Commission to**
Approve.

Council Member Ardis stated he had several concerns regarding the sale of liquor at this particular site, and he moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to the 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 speak.

Mr. Dennis Nuppenau, Store Manager of CVS, 3034 W. Lincoln, said CVS had decided to apply for the liquor license to improve retail sales through the sale of liquor as well as other items in the store.

Council Member Ardis said he had received phone calls from residents in the area expressing concern of having an additional location for alcohol sales and how CVS intended to monitor the parking lot regarding issues of litter and loitering. He questioned if the CVS employees were experienced to deal with these issues.

Mr. Nuppenau said all new employees to be hired, as well as existing employees were trained in the selling of alcohol and tobacco and their training would be reviewed. He added the parking lot would be monitored daily to help reduce any litter.

In further discussion, Council Member Grayeb determined that the petitioner would not be selling liquor in quart bottles.

Several Council Members expressed concern regarding the sale of liquor in the area, and stated they would not be supporting this item.

Council Member Ardis moved to deny the request for Site Approval for a Class “C” (Package Goods) Liquor License for 3034 W. Lincoln; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Ms. Levetta Ricca, 711 S. Greenlawn, member of Olde Towne South Association, spoke against the approval of another liquor license in the area.

Motion to DENY the request for Site Approval for a Class “C” (Package Goods) Liquor License for 3034 W. Lincoln, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(02-737) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Regarding PRELIMINARY
******* 2003 BUDGET.**

Council Member Nichting stated the first budget meeting had been proposed for November 19, 2002. He said a decision had to be made by December 10th and he felt the budget process should begin next Tuesday, November 12th, instead of November 19th. He requested staff present an outline of what was proposed in the handouts at the November 12th Council Meeting.

Council Member Nichting explained the purpose of Staff presenting an outline of budget proposals would be to allow them to publicly lay out the budget plan, which he felt would be healthy for the Council as well as the employees, and the public could begin to have a sense of the state of Peoria's financial affairs.

City Manager McKnight said the November 19th date had been initially scheduled so the Council would have an opportunity to review what was handed out tonight and contact the Mayor if a meeting was desired. He said if it was the consensus of the Council, the budget process could begin next Tuesday, November 12th.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that the Preliminary 2003 Budget did not include more pertinent information regarding Staff's underlying priorities and programs. He requested Staff provide more comprehensive information to the Council.

Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan said a detailed budget would be available for the Council to review.

Council Member Nichting moved to receive and file the communication from Finance Director/Comptroller regarding the Preliminary 2003 Budget, changing the date to begin the budget process from November 19, 2002, to November 12, 2002; 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.

(02-739) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the SEWER IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT with the GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT (I-74 Outfalls), and Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Sign a Contract with OTTO BAUM COMPANY, INC., in the Amount of \$3,825,711.90.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Sewer Improvement Agreement with the Greater Peoria Sanitary District (I-74 Outfalls), and request authorization for the City Manager to sign a contract with Otto Baum Company, Inc., in the amount of \$3,825,711.90; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Grayeb questioned what the time frame would be regarding the completion of the sewer outfalls for I-74.

In discussion it was determined that because of construction seasons, the project would be delayed six months to a year and would probably be completed in 2005.

Motion to approve the Sewer Improvement Agreement with the Greater Peoria Sanitary District (I-74 Outfalls), and request authorization for the City Manager to sign a contract with Otto Baum Company, Inc., in the amount of \$3,825,711.90, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(02-740) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the AGREEMENT with IDOT for REIMBURSABLE UTILITY ADJUSTMENT NO. 2 for the INTERSTATE 74 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the agreement with IDOT for Reimbursable Utility Adjustment No. 2 for the Interstate 74 Reconstruction Project; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Motion to approve the agreement with IDOT for Reimbursable Utility Adjustment No. 2 for the Interstate 74 Reconstruction Project was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(02-741) Communication from Human Resources Director with RESOLUTION Pertaining to the City's EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Resolution pertaining to the City's Early Retirement Incentive Program; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Nichting said he had received some calls for City employees requesting clarification of the last paragraph, which reads "This will be accomplished by the City and employee agreeing upon the final date of employment."

Human Resources Director Pat Parsons explained that the employee and a representative of the City would discuss a mutual agreed date. He said if a date could not be mutually agreed on, the employee would not submit a letter of intent. He said this would give some level of security to employees to allow them to come up with a date that would be satisfactory to them. He said current legislation states if employees were to submit a letter of intent, then the City could schedule a retirement date.

In discussion with Council Member Nichting, Mr. Parsons said if the City and employee agreed on a retirement date, the City would not change the date to an earlier time in order to lay the employee off. He said if a senior employee bumped the employee, the contract would prevail, otherwise the City would have to pay both employees.

Council Member Sandberg and Council Member Spears stated they would not be supporting this Resolution.

In discussion with Council Member Thetford, Mr. Parsons said that once a target resignation date had been agreed upon by the City and employee, it would be irrevocable.

In response to some of the Council's concerns, City Manager McKnight stated one of the reasons for the Early Retirement Incentive Program was to size the gap, and one of the things affecting this was knowing what the savings would be on early retirement. He said the City couldn't get to that point until there was some indication as to the number of employees retiring.

Mayor Ransburg said another reason for the Incentive Program would be from the standpoint of succession planning.

Director Van Winkle said the Public Works Department would be hardest hit due to early retirement and he felt timing was important. He said he felt it offered the employee the best safeguard against layoff.

Council Member Nichting expressed concern if there was a high volume of retirements during the winter months it would affect delivery of City services to citizens.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 02-741 pertaining to the City's Early Retirement Incentive Program was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 9;

Nays: Sandberg, Spears - 2.

(02-742) SITE APPROVAL for a CLASS "A" (TAVERN) LIQUOR LICENSE for 7334 N. UNIVERSITY, with Recommendation of the Liquor Commission to Approve.

Council Member Nichting moved to defer this item for two weeks until the November 19, 2002, City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Motion to defer this item until November 19, 2002, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(02-743) CITY MANAGER REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL.

Council Member Turner moved to receive and file the City Manager Report to City Council; seconded by Council Member Morris.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Workforce Development Director Bashir Ali explained there were ten entities, or partners, and they all contributed to the rent and utilities of the Workforce Development space in One Technology Center.

Motion to receive and file the City Manager Report to City Council was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(02-665) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Granting a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) and an R-4 (Single-Family Residential) Districts for a CHILD CARE CENTER for Property Located at 1201 and 1221 N. E. GLEN OAK AVENUE. (New Communication and Ordinance with a New Site Plan.

Following a brief explanation describing the new Site Plan adjustments, Council Member Thetford moved to adopt the Ordinance granting a Special Use in a Class R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) and an R-4 (Single-Family Residential) Districts for a Child Care Center for property located at 1201 and 1221 N. E. Glen Oak Avenue; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,387 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(02-738-A) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Regarding the SEPTEMBER 2002 REVENUE AND OPERATING EXPENDITURE REPORT and the SEPTEMBER 2002 ACTIVE CIP PROJECTS FINANCIAL REPORT UNAUDITED.

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Council Member Spears referred to the Revenue Report, and he expressed concern regarding the drop in revenue from licenses, permits and parking. He further questioned what the amount of \$5,000,000.00 listed under the Miscellaneous column referred to.

City Manager McKnight said the report was based on estimated projections, and he said would he provide the Council with a more detailed report back.

Council Member Morris requested another column titled "Actual Year Budget" be added to the monthly income reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding CRIME in CITY NEIGHBORHOODS

Discussion was held regarding the violence that existed in neighborhoods. Several Council Members expressed concern that citizens felt they had two alternatives: either move out of their neighborhood or out of the City. It was suggested that district police officers attend neighborhood association meetings and become acquainted with the residents. Council Members further suggested the City needed to initiate a plan to curtail violent crime in neighborhoods and put more pressure on gangs and drug dealers.

Council Member Turner requested a report back regarding the City's plan to address the violent crimes that existed in the City's neighborhoods.

Council Member Grayeb requested Police Chief Stenson to brief the Council on the Ordinance that was adopted dealing with drugs and gang loitering in particular areas of the City.

Chief Stenson stated beginning on Sunday, November 3rd, the Police Department would be enforcing the Ordinance dealing with drugs and gangs. He said the Ordinance would allow a police officer to arrest anyone in violation of the ordinance after being given a warning by that police officer, on the spot without having to go through the judicial process of getting a warrant for their arrest.

Council Member Nichting requested Chief Stenson provide the Council, in the next statistical report, a separate sheet including the following items; 1) the number of times the loitering Ordinance was put into effect; 2) the location; 3) the number of individuals involved; 4) the number of arrests made, if any; and 5) if they were repeat offenders of the loitering ordinance. He added that 80% of arrests were by repeat offenders, which meant the officers were doing their job, but the offenders were not being properly prosecuted.

(02-744) Request for RESOLUTION Commending METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER.

Council Member Spears commended Methodist Medical Center for putting the health care system back into District #150 Schools. He suggested the Council approve a resolution to be presented to Methodist Hospital thanking them for their support of a program that was vital to the City of Peoria.

COMMENDATION to the WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT Regarding the Issue of Litter

Council Member Ardis commended the Waste Management Department for their efforts in helping communities with the disposal of litter.

Request for UPDATE Regarding POLICE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Council Member Grayeb requested an update in the near future regarding where the City was regarding police negotiations. He said members of the department had attended the Council Meeting in an effort to demonstrate their concerns.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

(02-745) 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.

Mr. Floyd Nolan, 1332 N. Machin, expressed his appreciation to Council Members who had attended a neighborhood meeting.

Ms. Levetta Ricca, 711 S. Greenlawn, thanked Council Members for their support regarding the prevention of violent crimes in neighborhoods and expressed concern that negative remarks had been made about certain areas of the City. She also expressed concern about safety in her neighborhood.

Mr. Bhikkhu Mahinda, Illinois Department of Employment Security Job Training Division and a resident of Springfield, commended Bashir Ali and Workforce Development for their dedication and support to the City of Peoria. He said it was a great pleasure to attend the Council Meeting to witness the Workforce Development Department receive their Proclamation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that no Executive Session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

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

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

BY: _____
Beth Ball, Deputy City Clerk

