

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, January 16, 2001, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:20 P.M., at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Mayor Lowell G. Grieves presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Council Members present: Ardis, Duncan, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 8; Absent: Gibson, Grayeb, Morris - 3.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Grieves requested a moment of silent prayer, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WORD OF THE WEEK “CONSIDERATE”****PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

PEORIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

**MINUTES**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 9, 2001, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 8;

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS****CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:**

- (01-021) **PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:  
MacARTHUR – R. B. GARRETT OFF-RAMP & INTERSECTION  
IMPROVEMENT (Construction of concrete retaining walls for right turn lane from  
MacArthur Highway Bridge (southbound), realigning & constructing new 10” p.c.c.  
pavement on Richard Allen Drive & Saratoga Street, widening & constructing new  
10” p.c.c. pavement on R. B. Garrett Avenue connecting Saratoga to fourth,  
constructing new p.c.c. drives & sidewalks, along with new storm sewers and  
replacing street lighting system.) OTTO BAUM COMPANY, INC. – PAY  
ESTIMATE #12 & FINAL: \$28,690.83; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION  
APPROVED: \$28,690.83. (For Information Only)**
- (01-022) **Communication from Superintendent of Police Requesting Approval of the  
PURCHASE OF FACTORY AMMUNITION from GIL HEBARD SUPPLY in the  
Amount of \$21,188.70.**
- (01-023) **Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of COUNCIL  
\* CHAMBER ACCESS MODIFICATIONS, Recommending Scheme “A,” in the  
Amount of \$12,450.00, and to Direct Staff to Implement the Approved Scheme.**

(01-024)      **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE NO. 15,078 Expressing OFFICIAL INTENT Regarding CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES to be REIMBURSED from PROCEEDS OF AN OBLIGATION.**

(01-025)      **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE NO. 15,079 Amending the BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2001 of the City of Peoria Relating to the PHA STUDY FOR HARRISON HOMES.**

(01-026)      **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell Grievess to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED:**

**Mr. Paul Hauptly  
Ms. Carolyn Randolph  
Ms. Dawn R. Weber**

(01-027)      **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell Grievess to the ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**Ms. Verna M. Batton  
Ms. Diana Joseph  
Rev. Brent Foster**

(01-028)      **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell Grievess to the FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING COMMISSION:**

**Mr. John Wiebmer  
Ms. Jannise Jones  
Mr. Anthony D. Murphy**

(01-029)      **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell Grievess to the RAILROAD COMMISSION:**

**Mr. C. Richard Neumiller  
Mr. Stephen Van Winkle  
Dr. Ed. Glover**

(01-030)      **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell Grievess to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

**Mr. Henry J. Blackwell  
Mr. Allen B. Hagen  
Mr. Dorian B. LaSaine  
Ms. Karen Ratledge**

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

Council Member Sandberg requested that Item No. 01-023 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 01-021 through 01-030, excluding Item No. 01-023 (which was removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grievess – 8;

Nays: None.

**(01-023)      Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of COUNCIL  
\*                CHAMBER ACCESS MODIFICATIONS, Recommending Scheme "A," in the  
                  Amount of \$12,450.00, and to Direct Staff to Implement the Approved Scheme.**

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that the City spent \$2,400.00 for an architect for this project, because the architect designed the same scheme that City Staff designed prior to hiring an architect. He indicated he felt this money could have been used for something else. He also expressed concern regarding the sole source choice of the architect.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle explained that since this project was part of the public space and sensitive to the historical nature of the building, especially since it was tied to the Council Chambers, it was felt there was need for expert advice to maintain the historical nature of the facility. He said the firm chosen was one that had close ties with the remodeling of the Council Chambers, and the rehabilitation of the building, and he felt it was a natural succession.

Council Member Sandberg moved to approve Scheme "A" as proposed for the Council Chamber access modification, and to direct Staff to implement Scheme "A"; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Council Member Ardis expressed concern regarding access to the Council Chambers for those citizens who were handicapped. He said the proposed scheme would address some safety issues, but there were still some issues that the disabled community needed addressed. He said a representative of the Public Works Department would be meeting with the Disabled Commission soon to discuss ways to gain easier access to the Council Chambers, as well as seating for the disabled. He also said those with hearing disabilities needed to be assisted with amplification.

City Clerk Mary Haynes explained that when the ADA Act was established, the City Clerk's office took steps to make sure that anyone who was hearing impaired could be served. She said the instructions were listed on the front of the Council Agenda, as well as on the Web Site. She added that anyone who needed assistance could contact her office.

Motion moved to approve Scheme "A" as proposed for the Council Chamber access modification, and to direct Staff to implement Scheme "A" was approved by roll call vote.  
Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 8;  
Nays: None.

**(01-031)      Communication from Corporation Counsel Requesting Authorization for the City  
Manager to Execute the INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT for OFF-SITE  
IMPROVEMENTS Related to MIDTOWN PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER.**

Council Member Thetford moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Infrastructure Agreement for off-site improvements related to Midtown Plaza Shopping Center; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.  
Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 8;  
Nays: None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(00-809)      REQUEST for REPORT BACK Regarding QUICKSILVER MAILING SYSTEM.**

Council Member Thetford said it was her understanding that there were some problems with the Quicksilver Mailing System in that some Neighborhood Associations had received their Council Agendas, but not for several days. She requested a report back regarding any problems others had experienced with the system.

City Clerk Mary Haynes said the issue of mailing the Council Agendas had been remedied as soon as she learned about the problem, so there was no longer a problem.

Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan said her department would be running test mailings to determine how the service was working and she would be able to report back in approximately two weeks.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **DROP BOX FOR AMERITECH**

Council Member Thetford expressed concern that Ameritech did not have a drop box like other utility companies provided for citizens. She requested that Staff discuss this issue with Ameritech.

#### **INCIDENT AT ST. BERNARDS**

Council Member Thetford requested that the Superintendent of Police and the Neighborhood Police Officer contact St. Bernard's Catholic Church to discuss the tire incident that occurred over the past weekend.

#### **REQUEST for Meeting to Discuss the 1800 BLOCK OF N. CALIFORNIA**

Council Member Thetford referred to the 1800 Block of N. California and she requested the City Manager meet with the appropriate Staff to discuss how to further address the problems in that area.

### **CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

#### **(01-032) CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.**

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

Mr. Gene Graves said he was homeless and requested that the City provide more shelters for homeless men. He said he did not feel the City needed a new Stadium or Midtown Plaza.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **(01-033) Consideration of a Motion for the City Council to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concern salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; 2(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; and 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 Nichting moved to go into Executive Session to discuss 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concern salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; 2(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; and 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 Turner.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concern salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; 2(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; and 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 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 8;

Nays: None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

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

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