

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, February 6, 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, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 10; Absent: Duncan – 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grieves requested a moment of silent prayer, and welcomed Scout Troop 333 from Rolling Acres School who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 30, 2001, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by viva voce vote.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS**(01-069) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding ANNEXATION of 3701 W. GLEN AVENUE and 4200 W. CHARTER OAK ROAD.**

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the annexation of 3701 W. Glen Avenue and 4200 W. Charter Oak Road; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Approved by viva voce vote.

Mayor Grieves opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M.

Following the third call by Mayor Grieves and determining that no one wished to address this issue, Council Member Nichting moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:35 P.M.

(01-070) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Annexing Territory Contiguous to the City of Peoria (3701 W. Glen Avenue & 4200 W. Charter Oak Road).

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance approving the annexation of territory contiguous to the City of Peoria (3701 W. Glen Avenue & 4200 W. Charter Oak Road); seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,088 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor
Grieves – 10;

Nays: None.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:

- (01-071) **BID for GRAPHIC ARTIST, Recommending the Bid of DENTINO ART SERVICE, as Outlined.**
- (01-072) **PAYMENT ESTIMATE for PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: N. E. MONROE STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (Spring Street to Abington Street) (Removing existing curb, sidewalk, and driveway approaches; constructing concrete sidewalks, combination curb and sidewalks and driveway pavement; and a bituminous concrete pavement overlay.) FREESEN, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #3 - \$79,966.22; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$79,966.22. (For Information Only)**
- (01-073) **Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Authorization to Enter into an AGREEMENT with DAILY & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERS, INC. for Engineering Services for the PEORIA CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL, in the Estimated Amount of \$66,000.00.**
- (01-074) **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE NO. 15,089 Amending the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2001 of the City of Peoria Relating to CAPITAL EQUIPMENT – SCANNING SYSTEM.**
- (01-075) **Communication from City Clerk Requesting Authorization to PURCHASE a DOCSTAR C3000 IMAGING SYSTEM and SCANNER, in the Amount of \$8,240.00, from RECORD SYSTEMS, INC.**
- (01-076) **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell G. Grieves to the PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD:**
Ms. Laraine Bryson
Mr. Michael D. Gifford
Mr. Richard Helmer
Mr. Randy Sebastian
- (01-077) **Communication from Director of Information Systems with REPORT BACK on UTILITY PAYMENT DROP BOXES.**
- (01-078) **REPORTS:**
A. TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA FINANCIAL REPORT – Period Ending December 31, 2000.

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

Item Nos. 01-071 through 01-078 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Grieves – 10;

Nays: None.

(01-079) Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding a Request for a C-2000 WATERSHED PLANNING GRANT to Provide for a Storm Water Management Plan for Certain Tributaries within the City of Peoria.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle explained some of the problems regarding the City's management of storm water drainage ways and systems. He said there was the possibility through these planning grants to establish plans that could lead to funding from state or federal sources that would enable the City to better manage the drainage ways and systems in designated areas of the community. Director Van Winkle requested Privilege of the Floor be given to Mr. Terry Kohlbus.

Mr. Terry Kohlbus, representing the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, gave a brief explanation of the C2000 Grant Program that was available through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He said the Regional Planning Commission had been successful on three occasions in obtaining the C2000 Grant and was familiar with filing the applications requesting these grants. He stated he felt the Commission had sufficient experience in providing solutions regarding problems related to watershed planning, which was a vital part of the restoration and preservation of the Illinois River.

Council Member Grayeb requested Privilege of the Floor for Mr. Jim Montelongo.

Mr. Jim Montelongo expressed the concern of citizens residing on Holly Hedges and Devereaux regarding erosion and flooding in the area.

Council Member Grayeb said he had also received numerous calls from citizens in the aforementioned area regarding serious flooding problems.

Council Member Sandberg said it was important for watershed management to be implemented. He said the City Council had worked on the issue of storm water drainage for many years and he said this outreach of support for drainage should transcend into the City's 2002 budget.

In discussion with Director Steve Van Winkle and Council Member Spears regarding the completion of drainage problems in the Rolling Acres area that had already been budgeted for, it was determined that construction of the Hamilton Project would begin in 2001.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the request for a C-2000 Watershed Planning Grant to provide for a Storm Water Management Plan for Certain Tributaries within the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Grievs – 10;

Nays: None.

(01-080) Communication from Director of Economic Development with Recommendation from the Loan Review Committee to Approve a BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND LOAN to SIMPLY UNIQUE, in the Amount of \$50,000.00, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Subordination Documents to the SBA Loan at a Later Date.

In response to Council Member Thetford's request, Economic Development Director David Dobson outlined the communication regarding Staff's recommendation to approve a Business Development Fund Loan in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Simply Unique. Director Dobson gave an informative background of Simply Unique and described the types of business and services that would be provided to the City.

In answer to Mayor Grieves' request for clarification regarding the procedures needed if a citizen wanted to apply for a Small Business Administration Loan, Director Dobson stated that interested parties should contact the Economic Development Department for specific information regarding SBA Loans.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve a Business Development Fund Loan to Simply Unique, in the amount of \$50,000.00, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the subordination documents to the SBA Loan at a later date; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Grieves – 10;

Nays: None.

(01-081) Communication from Human Resources Director Requesting RATIFICATION of the COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and AFSCME LOCAL #3464.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Peoria and AFSCME Local #3464; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Grieves – 10;

Nays: None.

(01-082) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT with CRAWFORD, MURPHY AND TILLY, INC., in the Amount of \$631,000.00, for the PHASE I STUDY of the PIONEER PARKWAY EXTENSION, and with an MFT RESOLUTION, in the Amount of \$635,000.00.

Following a brief explanation regarding the beneficial services of the Phase I Study of the Pioneer Parkway Extension, Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Professional Services Contract with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc., in the amount of \$631,000.00, for the Phase I Study of the Pioneer Parkway Extension, with MFT Resolution, in the amount of \$635,000.00; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern that available funds should be used to solve drainage problems in the City.

In discussion with Director of Public Works Steven Van Winkle and City Engineer Gene Hewitt, Council Member Spears determined that the funds requested for the Phase I Study of the Pioneer Parkway Extension were Motor Fuel Tax funds and could not be used for drainage.

Mayor Grieves clarified that the funds allocated for the Phase I Study of the Pioneer Parkway Extension were included in the budget and would not commit the City to construct a complete road, but a preliminary step to attract additional funding for eventual completion of the road.

Director Van Winkle stated the Pioneer Parkway Extension was a major first step that would allow the City and the State of Illinois to have an approved design plan for the location of a new interchange with Illinois 6 and also tie into Illinois 91. He said without this interchange, the area would be highly

congested. He added this interchange was critical from the standpoint of constructing further development in the area and servicing that new development. He said the City was negotiating with IDOT to assist with funding which would enable this project to be completed within a five-year time-frame.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 01-082, in the amount of \$635,000.00 and the Professional Services Contract with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc., in the Amount of \$631,000.00, for the PHASE I STUDY of the PIONEER PARKWAY EXTENSION, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 8;

Nays: Grayeb, Thetford – 2.

(01-083) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Approving the DESIGNATION of PROPERTY Known as the ROCK ISLAND DEPOT AND FREIGHT HOUSE as a Local Historic Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 16 of the Peoria City Code.

Council Member Sandberg moved to adopt the Ordinance approving Designation of Property known as the Rock Island Depot and Freight House as a Local Historic Landmark; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,090 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 10;

Nays: None.

(01-084) 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 Thetford.

Approved by viva voce vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(01-057) Communication from Mayor Lowell G. Grieves WITHDRAWING an APPOINTMENT to the HOUSING COMMISSION:

D. John M. Loesch.

A letter from Mr. D. John M. Loesch was distributed to all members of the Council.

Following a brief explanation regarding the letter from Mr. D. John M. Loesch withdrawing his appointment to the Housing Commission and requesting that the distribution of the letter be entered into the minutes of the February 6, 2001, City Council Meeting, Council Member Thetford moved to receive and file the correspondence from Mr. D. John M. Loesch; seconded by Council Member Gibson.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern regarding the manner in which this issue had been brought to the Council floor the previous week.

Mayor Grieves clarified that following research regarding the appointment of citizens to various commissions, it was determined that Mr. Loesch understood that he did not qualify under the technical terms of the requirements of the housing ordinance.

Motion to receive and file the correspondence from D. John M. Loesch was approved by viva voce vote.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING "MARCH MADNESS"

Council Member Gibson introduced the March Madness mascot symbol whose name is "Cager". She expressed appreciation for the time devoted to this effort by Roger Miller at IDOT; City Traffic Engineer Jim Baumann; Randy Greer and Charlie Greer at National Garages; Debbie Ritschel at the Civic Center; Public Works Program Assistant Cindy Krider; Vickie Clark at the Convention and Visitors Bureau; Traffic Operations Manager Tim Webber; David Braun at City Link, and all others involved in the planning of "March Madness".

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

(01-085) REQUEST from JAMES POWELL to ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL Regarding the RE-OPENING of BIG HOLLOW ROAD.

James Powell, 4306 W. Andover Drive, stated he was appearing on behalf of the residents in Creighton Woods, Park East, Vinton Highlands, Lynnhurst, Lynncrest, Weaverridge, The Heathers and Charter Oak Drive. He submitted petitions bearing 1,300 signatures to be filed with the City Clerk. The petitions were from citizens requesting the City Council to reconsider their recent decision regarding the closure of Big Hollow Road. He said the residents were concerned with safety and other issues, and he requested permission to present these concerns at the next Council Meeting.

In discussion with several Council Members and Staff, it was suggested that the petitioners; requests be placed on the Traffic Commission Agenda for review at their February 13th meeting before bringing the issue before the City Council.

Council Member Grayeb inquired if there had been any factual changes regarding Big Hollow Road that would cause Council Members to change their vote.

Mr. Powell said there was new data concerning accident reports that needed to be brought before the Council, and he said he felt the residents had definite concerns regarding the safety issue and should have the opportunity to bring these concerns to the Council.

In further discussion, it was the Council's consensus that all parties involved should have an opportunity to prepare documentation and information regarding this issue and be noticed as to the date when the issue would be on the Council Agenda.

Council Member Ardis moved to remand this item back to the Traffic Commission for discussion at their March meeting; seconded by Council Member Gibson.

Council Member Nichting requested that Director Steve Van Winkle notify the Homeowners Association regarding the date and time this issue would be discussed at the Traffic Commission and also send out a notice informing the residents as to the date when the issue would be a subject of discussion at the City Council Meeting.

Motion to remand the issue of Re-opening Big Hollow Road back to the Traffic Commission for discussion at their March meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(01-086) Consideration of 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 Nichting moved that the Council go into an 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 Sandberg.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Grieves – 10;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

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