

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, March 20, 2001, a Regular Meeting of the City Council and Town Board was held this date at 6:15 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 (arrived at 6:30 P.M.), Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford (arrived at 6:21 P.M.), Turner, Mayor Grieves – 11; Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

WORD OF THE WEEK: “INITIATIVE”**MINUTES**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 13, 2001, as outlined; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Thetford arrived at the Council Meeting at 6:21 P.M.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA/TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:**

- (01-155) Communication from Town Clerk Requesting Approval of AGENDAS for ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES to be Held on April 17, 2001.**
- (01-156) TAG DAY REQUEST from VFW Post #2602 to Distribute BUDDY POPPIES on May 18 and 19, 2001, and Accept Donations to Assist the Deserving Veterans in the Tri-County Area and to Supplement Funding of Various Programs in Illinois Veterans Homes.**
- (01-157) ANNUAL BIDS for COPIER PAPER AND JANITORIAL PAPER, Recommending the Bids of CAPITAL CITY PAPER, NEWMAN & ULLMAN AND VONACHEN, as Outlined.**
- (01-158) BIDS for ANNUAL TREE PLANTING, Recommending the Low Bid of DUTCH LANDSCAPING, in an Amount not to Exceed \$21,000.00.**
- (01-159) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting the REJECTION OF ALL BIDS for BUILDING DEMOLITION at 511, 513, 521, 525, and 527 S. W. ADAMS STREET, and 116 WEST FIRST STREET.**

- (01-160) * Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting the REJECTION OF ALL BIDS for BUILDING DEMOLITION at 701, 703, 705 and 707 S. W. ADAMS STREET, and 305 STATE STREET.
- (01-161) Communication from Information Systems Director and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Authorization to PURCHASE COMPUTER MONITORS and PRINTER, in the Amount of \$24,222.77, as Outlined, and to REJECT ALL BIDS Submitted for the Personal Computers.
- (01-162) Communication from Information Systems Director Requesting Authorization to Approve the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of TELEPHONE AND VOICE MAIL SYSTEM UPGRADES from AVAYA, in the Amount of \$63,615.25.
- (01-163) ** Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Approval of the EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAMS AND FUNDING LEVELS, as Outlined, for the Year 2001.
- (01-164) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Recommending that CHILLICOTHE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB be Given TWENTY BUS BENCHES at No Charge, and Recommending DISPOSAL of the REMAINING APPROXIMATE 200 BUS BENCHES.
- (01-165) *** Communication from Director of Public Works Recommending Adoption of the RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM for 1000 BLOCK to 1127 N. MAPLEWOOD AVENUE.
- (01-166) **** Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 101, 105-07, 109, 115 SOUTH STREET, and 2200, 2210 through 2216, 2218 S. W. WASHINGTON STREET from the Present Class I-2 District (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) to a Class C-1 District (General Commercial).
- (01-167) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE NO. 15,108 Granting a SPECIAL USE in a Class I-1 District (Industrial Park) for a DRIVE-UP ATM MACHINE for Property Located at 8800 N. ALLEN ROAD.
- (01-168) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE NO. 15,109 Amending Ordinance No. 14,212, an EXISTING SPECIAL USE in a Class R-3 District (Single Family Residential) to Include an ELDERLY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT for Property Located at 3901 W. RESERVOIR BOULEVARD (Temporary Address), with Conditions.
- (01-169) Communication from Corporation Counsel with ORDINANCE NO. 15,110 Amending Ordinance No. 15,098 Providing for the ISSUANCE of \$21,750,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2001B.

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

Council Member Gibson requested that Item No. 01-165 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Thetford requested that Item No. 01-163 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Sandberg requested that Item No. 01-166 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Nichting requested that Item No. 01-160 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 01-155 through 01-169 (excluding Item Nos. 01-160, 01-163, 01-165 and 01-166 which were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion) 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.

**(01-160) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting the REJECTION OF
* ALL BIDS for BUILDING DEMOLITION at 701, 703, 705 and 707 S. W. ADAMS
 STREET, and 305 STATE STREET.**

Council Member Nichting stated he would be abstaining from the vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the Downtown Stadium site.

Council Member Grayeb moved to reject all bids for building demolition at 701, 703, 705 and 707 S. W. Adams Street, and 305 State Street; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

**(01-163) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management
** Recommending Approval of the EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAMS
 AND FUNDING LEVELS, as Outlined, for the Year 2001.**

Council Member Thetford requested a report back regarding who was on the citizen panel and she moved to defer this item for one week until the March 27, 2001, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Motion to defer this item until March 27, 2001, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Duncan arrived at the Council Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

**(01-165) Communication from Director of Public Works Recommending Adoption of the
*** RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM for 1000 BLOCK to 1127 N.
 MAPLEWOOD AVENUE.**

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

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

Mr. James Irwin, 1016 N. Maplewood, explained an all day parking restriction would be a problem for his family because scout meetings were held at his house every week. He said within about ten weeks, he would run out of parking permits because each residence was only given 50. He suggested a two-hour parking restriction with the addition of temporary parking permits. He requested that this item be tabled or deferred so this could be pursued.

Mr. Jerry Jackson, 1017 N. Maplewood, said he had a petition signed by 63% of the residents in the area affected regarding an all day parking restriction on Maplewood. He explained that residents found it difficult to utilize curbside parking because of the Bradley students parking in the area. He added this was an issue of convenience and safety, and he urged the Council to concur with the recommendation made by the Traffic Commission to adopt the parking program as outlined.

Council Member Gibson said that the City Staff could make some provisions for Mr. Irwin's needs regarding the scout meetings. She said 63% of the residents had signed a petition in support of the parking program. She expressed concern that appropriate City personnel were not available to enforce parking, speeding and other traffic safety functions. She said she did not feel a two-hour parking restriction could be adequately enforced and would not be effective. She expressed further concern that the Traffic Commission had not been able to achieve a quorum for two months, which caused a delay in the proposed program.

Traffic Engineer Jim Baumann assured the Council that even if the parking program was adopted, the City could address the needs of Mr. Irwin and the weekly scout meetings.

Council Member Gibson moved to adopt the Residential Parking Permit Program for the 1000 Block to 1127 N. Maplewood Avenue, and direct the City Staff to address Mr. Irwin's needs regarding scout meetings; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

**(01-166) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with
**** ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 101, 105-07, 109, 115 SOUTH
STREET, and 2200, 2210 through 2216, 2218 S. W. WASHINGTON STREET from
the Present Class I-2 District (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) to a Class C-1
District (General Commercial).**

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

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt the Ordinance rezoning property located at 101, 105-07, 109, 115 South Street, and 2200, 2210 through 2216, 2218 S. W. Washington Street from the present Class I-2 District (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) to a Class C-1 District (General Commercial); seconded by Council Member Ardis.

ORDINANCE WAS NO. 15,111 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Sandberg - 1.

- (01-170) ***** Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 730 S. W. JEFFERSON AVENUE (Temporary Address) from the Present Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) and a Class I-2 District (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) to a Class B -1 District (Central Business).**

Council Member Nichting stated he would be abstaining from the vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the Downtown Stadium site.

Council Member Duncan moved to adopt the Ordinance rezoning property located at 730 S. W. Jefferson Avenue (temporary address) from the present Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) and a Class I-2 District (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) to a Class B-1 District (Central Business); seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,112 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting – 1.

Clerk's Note: See reconsideration of this item on Page 25141.

- (01-171) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with Zoning Commission and Staff Recommendations to DENY the ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 14,789, an EXISTING SPECIAL USE in a Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) for a WAIVER OF SCREENING REQUIREMENTS for ROOF TOP MECHANICAL UNITS for Property Located at 2323, 2411 W. PIONEER PARKWAY.**

Council Member Nichting moved to concur with the Zoning Commission and Staff recommendations to deny the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14,789, an Existing Special Use in a Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) for a Waiver of Screening Requirements for Roof Top Mechanical Units for property located at 2323, 2411 W. Pioneer Parkway; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Motion to concur with the recommendation to DENY the Ordinance was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

- (01-172) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to Adopt the ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 13,391, an EXISTING SPECIAL USE in a Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) for a SHOPPING CENTER to Include a FREESTANDING SIGN AND A RESTAURANT for Property Located at 2601, 2701 W. LAKE AVENUE, with Conditions, AND Recommendation from the Staff to Approve the Restaurant but to DENY the Freestanding Sign.**

Council Member Spears moved to concur with the Zoning Commission and to adopt the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 13,391, an Existing Special Use in a Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) for a Shopping Center to include a Freestanding Sign and a Restaurant for property located at 2601, 2701 W. Lake Avenue, with Conditions; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to concur with the Zoning Commission's recommendation and to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,113 amending Ordinance No. 13,391, an Existing Special Use in a Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) for a Shopping Center to include a Freestanding Sign and a Restaurant for property located at 2601, 2701 W. Lake Avenue, with Conditions was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

(01-173) Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of an AGREEMENT with J. P. COMPANIES, in the Amount of \$95,000.00, to PRESERVE FAÇADE ELEMENTS and DEMOLISH BUILDINGS in the 500 BLOCK OF ADAMS STREET, and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Document.

Council Member Sandberg said, while he did not have any reason to believe he would be doing work on this project, he had performed work in the past for the J.P. Companies, so he would abstain from voting.

Council Member Duncan moved to defer this item until after Unfinished Business Item No. 01-113; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Sandberg - 1.

Clerk's Note: See Page 25140 for further discussion.

(01-174) Communication from Council Member Christopher J. Duncan II Requesting DISCUSSION Regarding RECOGNITION FOR RICHARD PRYOR.

Council Member Duncan requested that the Council discuss suggestions on how former Peorian, and now famous comedian, Richard Pryor could be recognized and honored by the City of Peoria. He moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those who wished to address this issue; seconded by Council Member Turner.

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

Mr. Mark Luthy, 5716 N. Woodlawn, spoke in favor of naming the Civic Center Theatre the Richard Pryor Theatre or have a statue erected on the Riverfront.

Mr. Marc Porch, representing Middle Passage Enterprises, suggested renaming Third Street after Richard Pryor because of its proximity to the George Washington Carver Community Center. He also discussed plans for an Entertainment Extravaganza and a "Tribute to Peoria's Very Own Richard Pryor" to be held at the Bradley Memorial Field House.

Council Member Turner pointed out there were a number of former Peorians who had gone on to become famous and brought recognition to the City of Peoria. He suggested erecting something in the common area of the Civic Center or request the Mayor to commission a panel to make these determinations. He said he felt this would be an ongoing issue.

Council Member Gibson discussed other famous people who had a connection with Peoria throughout history and suggested that these people be honored at the proposed Riverfront museum. She further suggested that a portion of the museum focus on the entertainment world and Peoria's place in that

history. She said Mr. Pryor could be included in this portion of the museum, which would have a lasting value. She said if a street was renamed, in time, the name may be changed again.

Council Member Morris suggested that the idea of naming a public space in honor of Mr. Pryor was a separate issue from including Mr. Pryor in the entertainment portion of the proposed museum.

Council Member Morris moved to direct Staff to come back to the Council in six months time with a commission recommendation to recommend public space naming opportunities; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Morris clarified that the members of that commission should be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council.

Council Member Sandberg said that since Mr. Pryor suffered from a serious health problem, he suggested a living museum or monument be named for him in the medical community, such as a wing of a building. He said the community should help the Council determine all opportunities and various ways to honor people who were important to the City's history and heritage.

Council Member Duncan moved for a substitute motion to recommend that the Civic Center Commission review the idea of displaying a plaque with Richard Pryor's picture and history on it in the box office area, or something similar or renaming a portion of the Civic Center, such as the theatre, to honor Richard Pryor; and to recommend that Third Street, S. Sheridan Road, or Western Avenue be renamed to honor Richard Pryor and request that Staff report back; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Wayne Anthony discussed the Council's Street Renaming Policy, which would be included in the report back. He advised that if S. Sheridan or Western was renamed, 90% of the residents and property owners would have to agree.

Council Member Duncan clarified that he did not intend to propose a change to the City's current policy. He added if there was not 90% of the residents and property owners in agreement, then the street would not be changed.

Substitute Motion to recommend that the Civic Center Commission review the idea of displaying a plaque with Richard Pryor's picture and history on it in the box office area, or something similar or renaming a portion of the Civic Center, such as the theatre, to honor Richard Pryor; and to recommend that Third Street, S. Sheridan Road, or Western Avenue be renamed to honor Richard Pryor and request that Staff report back was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,

Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

Council Member Morris moved to bring back an item for the Council to vote on to impanel a commission, an ad hoc committee comprised of some Council Members and some community members, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council to explore not just street names, but recognition in general of major legacy figures that had come from or lived in Peoria; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Thetford, Turner,

Mayor Grieves – 10;

Nays: Spears - 1.

Later in the meeting, hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Cord Adams.

Mr. Cord Adams spoke in favor of honoring and recognizing Mr. Richard Pryor in some public manner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(01-037) Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding a REPORT BACK on TRAFFIC CIRCULATION on the SOUTH SIDE of the CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, with Recommendations as Outlined.

Council Member Sandberg moved to receive and file the report back regarding traffic circulation on the South side of the Central Business District; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle stated his Staff had been working on this communication for quite some time. He said the reason for the struggle was that the original request came from a Council Member requesting a review of the impact of closing State Street between Jefferson and Adams, and what effect it would have on traffic movements in the area. He said the report back was expanded to include consideration of how a ball park might best operate with respect to the surrounding streets, whether the streets should be one-way or two-way, and to review what would make the most sense for the revitalization of the City of Peoria with respect to the Adams and Jefferson Streets. He said this subject had been discussed by Council in the past.

Mr. Van Winkle said the report indicated that if one block of State Street was closed, the traffic which would be diverted to a different travel route could be handled. He said there would be some inconvenience, if a vehicle was traveling from Kumpf Boulevard to places along State Street. He indicated there could be some advantages to the consideration of a contra-flow lane on Adams Street, not only for the ball park which had some disadvantages as outlined in the communication, but also for Phase I of what would be a contra-flow lane on Adams going to MacArthur Highway. He said, strictly from a traffic engineering standpoint, what may be counter to what was best for moving traffic, or what was best for things his department tried to represent, he had to make sure what they were doing remained consistent with what they were trying to do with the properties served by these streets. He stated he felt consideration should be given to the contra-flow lane, and there were reasons for the advantages listed in the communication. He added the document was for their review and information.

Motion to receive and file the report back regarding traffic circulation on the South side of the Central Business District was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

(01-113) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting the REJECTION of BIDS for BUILDING DEMOLITIONS at 611, 621 and 633 S. W. ADAMS STREET. (New Communication)

Council Member Duncan moved to reject the bids for building demolitions at 611, 621 and 633 S. W. Adams Street; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

(01-173) *** Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of an AGREEMENT with J. P. COMPANIES, in the Amount of \$95,000.00, to PRESERVE FAÇADE ELEMENTS and DEMOLISH BUILDINGS in the 500 BLOCK OF ADAMS STREET, and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Document.**

Council Member Sandberg said, while he did not have any reason to believe he would be doing work on this project, he had performed work in the past for the J.P. Companies, so he would abstain from voting.

Council Member Duncan moved to approve the agreement with J. P. Companies, in the amount of \$95,000, to preserve façade elements and demolish buildings in the 500 Block of Adams Street, and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to approve the agreement with J. P. Companies, in the amount of \$95,000, to preserve façade elements and demolish buildings in the 500 Block of Adams Street, and authorize the City Manager to execute the document was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Thetford, Turner,

Mayor Grieves – 10;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Sandberg - 1.

(01-153) Comments Regarding the LEGALITY and FEASIBILITY of the CITY OWNING the LOCAL ENERGY COMPANY.

Council Member Grayeb requested that citizens contact him at his e-mail address of www.cgrayeb@ci.peoria.il.us with comments regarding this issue as well as other issues.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Bill O'Brien; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Bill O'Brien.

Mr. Bill O'Brien, 3321 N. Chestnut Lane, spoke in support of the City of Peoria purchasing CILCO, if it became available for purchase. He urged the Council not to take any hard positions until all the facts were known. He added that Peoria needed to correct their population imbalance. He discussed his trip to Naperville, Illinois, who owned their local energy company. He said the City of Naperville paid 25% less than the communities who bought from Commonwealth Edison, and Naperville sold their excess supply of energy to surrounding communities. He said in the year 2000, the City of Naperville made \$9 million from this revenue source and used the money to fund infrastructure and community needs. He suggested that Peoria could do the same thing to establish a new revenue stream.

Council Member Sandberg said if the City purchased only the distribution portion of the energy company, they would still not control the production portion of the company.

Council Member Thetford expressed concern that discussion was not focused on how to assist local citizens in paying their current energy bills. She encouraged the Council to hold discussion to formulate ideas to assist these citizens.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern that electric costs may increase also in the future, and he said he was concerned about who would purchase the company, if the City did not.

(01-170) REQUEST TO RECONSIDER the Vote on ORDINANCE NO. 15,112 Rezoning Property Located at 730 S. W. JEFFERSON AVENUE (Temporary Address) from the Present Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) and a Class I-2 District (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) to a Class B-1 District (Central Business).

Council Member Nichting stated he would be abstaining from the vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the Downtown Stadium site.

Council Member Sandberg said a gentleman had wanted to address this issue prior to the Council voting and because the gentleman had left the meeting, he moved to reconsider the vote taken earlier in the meeting adopting Ordinance No. 15,112 rezoning property located at 730 S. W. Jefferson Avenue (temporary address) from the present Class C-2 district (Large Scale Commercial) and a Class I-2 District (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) to a Class B1 District (Central Business); seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to reconsider the vote taken earlier in the meeting adopting Ordinance No. 15,112 rezoning property located at 730 S. W. Jefferson Avenue was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting – 1

Council Member Duncan moved to defer this item for one week until the March 27, 2001, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Motion to defer this item until March 27, 2001, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting – 1

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS REGARDING YARD WASTE PICKUP

Council Member Nichting reminded citizens that curbside yard waste pickup had started again and would continue until December. He urged citizens to take advantage of this program.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

(01-175) REQUEST by MR. GEORGE WISE TO ADDRESS the COUNCIL Regarding the DELAY OF CONSTRUCTION ON MONROE STREET.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. George Wise.

Mr. George Wise, 1416 N. E. Monroe, expressed concern that his street had twelve inch curbs, which made it difficult for him because he had a walking disability. He added that construction on the street began at the end of the construction season last year and was not yet completed. He expressed concern that he did not have access to the alley and he had fallen several times because of this construction that had taken over seven months to complete. He also expressed concern about the lack of snow removal during the winter months. He commended Council Member Turner and Police Chief Stenson for their assistance on other matters.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle stated he would review the situation regarding the delay in the construction on Monroe Street. Council Member Sandberg requested that a written report back be provided to the City Council.

(01-176) REQUEST by MR. TOM EDWARDS TO ADDRESS the COUNCIL.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Tom Edwards.

Mr. Tom Edwards, 2702 Peoria Avenue, complimented the Council on the manner in which their meeting was conducted. He also expressed concern about high energy costs and request a more clear explanation of what items would be discussed in Council Executive Sessions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(01-177) Consideration of a Motion for the City Council to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 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)(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 an action is probable or imminent.

Council Member Duncan moved to go into Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 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)(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 an action is probable or imminent; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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