

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

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular City Council Meeting held on April 24, 2001, and the Special City Council Meeting and Executive Session held on April 30, 2001, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS**(01-265) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding ANNEXATION of 12200 N. ALLEN ROAD (Temporary Address).**

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing regarding Annexation of 12200 N. Allen Road (temporary Address); seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Grieves opened the Public Hearing at 6:21 P.M.

Mr. Ken Davies, Attorney representing Mr. Jack Bennett, the Petitioner, stated the project was currently outside the City limits. He said the subdivision would consist of 30 lots with a three-hole golf course. He explained the basic terms of the settlement between the parties. He said the acquisition of this property and the property immediately contiguous to the City, as well as a middle strip of land, would all be annexed into the City. He added, in addition as part of the agreement, there would be sanitary sewer services provided. He said there would be additional capacity found and these properties would be serviced. He commended the cooperation between the City and the County in this matter.

Mr. John Doring, Deputy Fire Chief of the Dunlap Fire District, said he was opposed to the proposed annexation. He said the Dunlap Fire District had a professional relationship with the Peoria Fire Department. He said all the growth cells impacted their fire district and their revenue stream. He said the revenue stream attached to this land was not significant, but the revenue stream from the development

would have been significant to their Budget. He expressed concern regarding the credibility of information provided throughout the entire process from the City and the Sanitary District regarding the sewer line North of Hickory Grove Road.

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:29 P.M.

(01-266) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding ANNEXATION of 8600 N. KOERNER/TRIGGER ROAD (Temporary Address).

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing regarding Annexation of 8600 N. Koerner/Trigger Road (temporary address); seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Grieves opened the Public Hearing at 6:29 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 Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:31 P.M.

(01-267) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommendation Adoption of the Following:

- A. RESOLUTION Approving the ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for an APPROXIMATE ADDRESS of 12200 N. ALLEN ROAD, Certain Properties Located to the East of Allen Road, all Located within One and One-Half Miles of the City of Peoria;**

Director of Planning and Growth Management Wayne Anthony distributed a new Page 12 of the Annexation Agreement to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Resolution, as amended, approving the Annexation Agreement for an approximate address of 12200 N. Allen Road (temporary address), certain properties located to the East of Allen Road, all located within one and one-half miles of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Morris.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg regarding the sewers, Council Member Nichting explained that because of the decrease in use in what was originally proposed in the growth cell, it freed up capacity. He said there was a reduction in the number of units of apartments at the Corner of Knoxville and Hickory Grove Road, which allowed additional sewer capacity, plus Northwoods Community Church purchased 15 acres which they did not intend to develop.

Council Member Nichting also explained the City entered into an agreement with the Dunlap Fire District that when there was an annexation which affected their budget, they would be paid the taxes over a period of five years so the Dunlap Fire Department could meet their capital needs. He explained this arrangement was more lucrative for the Dunlap Fire District than what the State Legislature provided.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 01-267-A, as amended, approving the Annexation Agreement for an approximate address of 12200 N. Allen Road (temporary address), certain properties located to the East of Allen Road, all located within one and one-half miles of the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

B. ORDINANCE Annexing Territory Contiguous to the City of Peoria – Approximate Address of 12200 N. ALLEN ROAD;

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance annexing territory contiguous to the City of Peoria with an approximate address of 12200 N. Allen Road; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,134 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

C. ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 12200 N. ALLEN ROAD (Temporary Address) from the Present Class County Agricultural District to a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District and a Class A-1 (Agriculture) District and Granting a SPECIAL USE for a PRIVATE GOLF COURSE in a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District;

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance rezoning property located at 12200 N. Allen Road (temporary address) from the present Class County Agricultural District to a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District and a Class A-1 (Agriculture) District and granting a Special Use for a Private Golf Course in a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,135 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

D. RESOLUTION Approving the PRELIMINARY PLAT of the PINNACLE SUBDIVISION, a Residential Subdivision Located in the General Vicinity of 12200 N. ALLEN ROAD (Temporary Address), with Conditions;

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat of the Pinnacle Subdivision, a residential subdivision located in the general vicinity of 12200 N. Allen Road (temporary address), with conditions; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 01-267-D approving the Preliminary Plat of the Pinnacle Subdivision, a residential subdivision located in the general vicinity of 12200 N. Allen Road (temporary address), with conditions was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

E. RESOLUTION Approving the PRELIMINARY PLAT of AUGUSTA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, a Residential Subdivision Located in the General Vicinity of 12200 N. ALLEN ROAD (Temporary Address), with Conditions.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat of Augusta Estates Subdivision, a residential subdivision located in the general vicinity of 12200 N. Allen Road (temporary address), with conditions; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-267-E was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(01-268) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with RESOLUTION Approving the ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for Certain Property with an APPROXIMATE ADDRESS OF 8600 N. KOERNER/TRIGGER ROAD, Located to the East of Koerner/Trigger Road, all Located within One and One-Half Miles of the City of Peoria, with Conditions.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Resolution approving the Annexation Agreement for certain property with an approximate address of 8600 N. Koerner/Trigger Road, located to the East of Koerner/Trigger Road, all located one and one-half miles of the City of Peoria, with conditions; seconded by Council Member Turner.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-268 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE.

(01-269) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE NO. 15,136 Amending Ordinance No. 14,990 Establishing a MORATORIUM on the ISSUANCE OF OFF-PREMISE SIGN PERMITS, Extending the Moratorium until July 4, 2001.

(01-270) APPLICATION for a CLASS “H” TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for BRADLEY UNIVERSITY for MAY 18, 2001.

(01-271) APPLICATION for a CLASS “H” TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for ILLINOIS VALLEY STRIDERS for MAY 18, 2001.

(01-272) APPLICATION for a CLASS “H” TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for ILLINOIS VALLEY STRIDERS for June 9, 2001.

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

Item Nos. 01-269 through 01-272 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(01-273) Communication from Corporation Counsel Requesting that the City Council Authorize Acceptance of the DONATION for the PURCHASE of the SISTER CITIES CLOCK, Authorize the City Manager to Execute the PURCHASE AGREEMENT for the SISTER CITIES CLOCK, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with the CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY.

Council Member Grayeb moved to authorize acceptance of the donation for the purchase of the Sister Cities Clock, authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase agreement for the Sister Cities Clock, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Civic Center Authority; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Dr. Peter Couri and Mr. Mike Quine.

Dr. Peter Couri, representing the Civic Center Authority, said the Sister City Commission was celebrating their 25th year in 2001. He stated, in honor of this anniversary, a historic street clock had been given to the City of Peoria. He added the clock was an exact replica of victorian street clocks that once graced City streets one hundred years ago. He said the clock would stand by City Hall at the foot of Madison Street and would have four faces, with each face having a different emblem of the City's sister cities. He said the clock would be dedicated in August, 2001.

Mr. Mike Quine, Chairman of the Sister City Commission, thanked the Council for their support.

Mayor Grieves thanked Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Peters for their generous gift, and thanked Dr. Couri and Mr. Quine for their efforts.

Motion to authorize acceptance of the donation for the purchase of the Sister Cities Clock, authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase agreement for the Sister Cities Clock, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Civic Center Authority was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(01-274) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending the BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2001 of the City of Peoria Relating to FUNDING for SISTER CITIES CLOCK PROJECT.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2001 of the City of Peoria relating to funding for the Sister Cities Clock Project; seconded by Council Member Morris.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,137 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business was brought forward.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was brought forward.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**(01-275) REQUEST by REV. ANDREW JOWERS to ADDRESS the CITY COUNCIL Regarding PARKING PROBLEM.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Rev. Andrew Jowers.

Rev. Andrew Jowers said he had approached the Council on April 3rd regarding a code violation and parking a vehicle in his yard. He said found out there had been a warrant issued for his arrest and, following the Council Meeting, he was arrested. He thanked the Mayor and the Police Chief for their assistance in that situation. He explained his further difficulties regarding the repair to his home and car. He said his reputation had been blemished by this incident and he felt there had been a serious disservice to him. He urged the new Council to review the Ordinance and make it more clear. He said the Ordinance impacted mostly those who lived in older neighborhoods and he questioned the fairness.

Mayor Grieves stated that the City Manager would review this situation.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Grieves presented the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION
CAMILLE M. GIBSON**

WHEREAS, Camille M. Gibson has served as Councilwoman of the City of Peoria, Illinois, from November 1988 to May 1989, from January 1990 to May 1991, and from 1991 to 2001, and this year brings to an end of nearly 12 years of dedicated service by Camille M. Gibson to the City of Peoria, during which she has given freely of her time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by her dedication; and

WHEREAS, Camille M. Gibson, by her many years of efficient service as Councilwoman representing the residents of the Peoria and the Second District, has served as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council, Peoria Civic Center Authority, Community Growth and Development Committee, Public Safety and Social Responsibility Committee, Policies and Procedures Committee, Neighborhood Task Force, Advisory Commission on Human Resources, Labor/Management Healthcare Committee, Historic Preservation Board, Neighborhood Development Commission, Community Redevelopment Commission, Peoria Housing Authority, Riverfront Business District Commission, Taft Homes Task Force, Community Action Agency, Legislative Committee, and City Hall 100th Anniversary Committee, among others, and has well earned the endless gratitude of the citizens of Peoria;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council, on behalf of its members, the officials and employees of the City of Peoria, and the citizens of the community, do hereby express to Camille M. Gibson, sincere and profound appreciation and thanks for her many years of dedicated service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria, Illinois, attested to by the City Clerk and presented to the Honorable Camille M. Gibson.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, this 1st day of May 2001 A.D.

/s/ Mayor Lowell G. Grieves

/s/ Jim E. Ardis

/s/ Christopher J. Duncan II

/s/ Charles V. Grayeb

/s/ Gale S. Thetford

/s/ John D. Morris

/s/ William R. Spears

/s/ Gary V. Sandberg

/s/ Patrick A. Nichting

/s/ W. Eric Turner

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary L. Haynes

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/s/ Randall Ray

RESOLUTION
CHRISTOPHER J. DUNCAN II

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Duncan II has served as Councilman of the City of Peoria, Illinois, from 1997 to 2001, and this year brings to an end of four years of dedicated service by Christopher J. Duncan II to the City of Peoria, during which he has given freely of his time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by his dedication; and

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Duncan II, by his many years of efficient service as Councilman representing the residents of the Peoria and the First District has served as a member of the GIS Policy Committee, Labor/Management Healthcare Committee, Fair Employment and Housing Commission, Peoria Housing Authority, Riverfront Business District Commission, Water Selection Committee, and Community Action Agency, among others, and has well earned the endless gratitude of the citizens of Peoria;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council, on behalf of its members, the officials and employees of the City of Peoria, and the citizens of the community, do hereby express to Christopher J. Duncan II, sincere and profound appreciation and thanks for his many years of dedicated service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria, Illinois, attested to by the City Clerk and presented to the Honorable Christopher J. Duncan II.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, this 1st day of May 2001 A.D.

/s/ Mayor Lowell G. Grieves

/s/ Jim E. Ardis

/s/ Camille M. Gibson

/s/ Charles V. Grayeb

/s/ Gale S. Thetford

/s/ John D. Morris

/s/ William R. Spears

/s/ Gary V. Sandberg

/s/ Patrick A. Nichting

/s/ W. Eric Turner

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary L. Haynes

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/s/ Randall Ray

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND RETIRING MAYOR

Council Member Duncan stated he had no regrets and he left his position with good feelings. He said he did not know what would become of his influence and example he had set throughout the community, but he hoped and believed that at least one life was made better by his investment of four years. He urged his successor to work efficiently, more than vocally. He said during his four years, he not only served on the Council but he finished his Masters Degree at Bradley University and secured a position with Caterpillar, Inc. He thanked his parents, his mentors, his Pastor at St. Thomas, former Riverfront Commission Chairman Jim Baldwin, City Manager McKnight, Chief Stenson, and the Mayor and City Council. He finished by quoting Dr. Martin Luther King, "Free at Last."

Council Member Thetford said she applauded Council Member Duncan for his achievements on the Riverfront Commission and his decision to serve the community when most his age would not have made that choice. She said she wished him the best personally and professionally.

Council Member Turner commended Council Member Duncan for being a good colleague. He said he hoped Council Member Duncan had a feeling of accomplishment and he urged him to remember debates that had caused changes to occur. He said when visiting the Riverfront or driving through the growth cells, he hoped Council Member Duncan felt accomplished because he had been a part of that vision. He said Council Member Duncan would be missed.

Mayor Grieves commended Council Member Duncan for being a tremendous role model. He said Council Member Duncan earned his education, served his City at a young age, and Peoria children should look to this kind of individual for guidance.

Council Member Morris said Council Member Duncan would be missed, but while the Council took the business of the City seriously, no one should take themselves too seriously and he felt Council Member Duncan set that example.

Council Member Turner presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
MAYOR LOWELL G. GRIEVES

WHEREAS, Lowell G. Grievés has served as Mayor of the City of Peoria, Illinois, from 1997 to 2001, and this year brings to an end of four years of dedicated service by Lowell G. Grievés to the City of Peoria, during which he has given freely of his time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by his dedication; and

WHEREAS, Lowell G. Grievés, by his many years of efficient service as Mayor representing the residents of the Peoria, has served as a member of the Budget Ad Hoc Committee, Riverfront Business District Commission, Water Selection Committee, and City Hall 100th Anniversary Committee, among others, and has well earned the endless gratitude of the citizens of Peoria;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council, on behalf of its members, the officials and employees of the City of Peoria, and the citizens of the community, do hereby express to Lowell G. Grievés, sincere and profound appreciation and thanks for his many years of dedicated service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria, Illinois, attested to by the City Clerk and presented to the Honorable Lowell G. Grievés.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, this 1st day of May 2001 A.D.

/s/ Mayor Pro Tem Gale S. Thetford

/s/ Jim E. Ardis

/s/ Camille M. Gibson

/s/ Charles V. Grayeb

/s/ Christopher J. Duncan II

/s/ John D. Morris

/s/ William R. Spears

/s/ Gary V. Sandberg

/s/ Patrick A. Nichting

/s/ W. Eric Turner

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary L. Haynes

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/s/ Randall Ray

Council Member Turner commended Mayor Grievés for being a man of his word and convictions. He said Mayor Grievés was a true leader, friend and colleague. He quoted Bill Cosby about success and failure. He presented several gifts to Mayor Grievés and thanked him for serving the community.

MAYOR GRIEVES' FAREWELL ADDRESS

Mayor Grievés gave a brief review of accomplishments in the past four years, which included a plan to promote orderly growth in Peoria, stabilization of older neighborhoods and the development of the Neighborhood Development Commission.

Mayor Grieves discussed the opening of the Gateway Building and the Landing, new boat docks were completed, and the Powell Press building was moved to become Peoria's new Visitor's Center. He said the City entered into an unprecedented shared parking agreement with Caterpillar, completion of most of Southtown with a new hotel, apartments, businesses, medical facilities, and the old Bergners' building was demolished to make way for One Technology Plaza. He said the City grew with the completion of the Riverplex, the Northside Business Park, and the PMP expansion and a plan for the proposed Riverside Park, a new Downtown Stadium, Riverwest Housing Complex, new headquarters for WTVP and the Arts Center on the Riverfront.

Mayor Grieves said a new bus transfer center would finally emerge on the Franklin Street Lot, new restaurants sit atop the recently completed Riverfront Village, and the City now had title to the Sears block and a broad community planning effort was underway regarding future development.

Mayor Grieves stated millions of Illinois FIRST dollars would complete the renovation of Interstate 74 through Downtown Peoria, and Midtown Shopping Plaza would attract new dollars to Peoria. He said there would be more Downtown condos and loft living within the Foster-Gallagher building renovation.

Mayor Grieves said these accomplishments were made under budget constraints and with a hiring freeze on by incredible cooperation, dedication, and wise use of leverage by our legislative team – both at the State level and Federal level. He said the same spirit of cooperation existed with other governmental bodies, particularly the Peoria Park District and the Peoria Housing Authority, who were actually the visionaries and drivers behind the Riverplex and Riverwest Housing initiatives.

Mayor Grieves commended the incredible talent and dedication of the Staff, consummate professionals and a City Manager with whom he said he had enjoyed a marvelous relationship.

Mayor Grieves further discussed how the City would benefit if policies of containment and stabilization worked, and he further discussed accomplishments of the City Council as a group and the City's progress.

Mayor Grieves presented a Proclamation to his wife and thanked his family for their support. He thanked the City Staff, volunteers, commission members who had been willing to serve and the people of Peoria.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Resolutions presented to Council Member Gibson, Council Member Duncan and Mayor Grieves; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Thetford thanked Mayor Grieves for serving for four years as Mayor. She commended him for taking risks, working hard and for being a strong advocate to older neighborhoods in forming the Neighborhood Development Commission. She thanked him for his support of projects in the Third District. She said she wished him and his family peace and the best in their future.

Council Member Grayeb commended Council Member Gibson for her dedication in preserving and defending older neighborhoods. He said she was a close confidant and always provided an analytical and intelligent response. He stated Council Member Duncan would be greatly missed and if Council Member Duncan's successor performed half as well, his successor would have accomplished a great deal.

Council Member Grayeb spoke of his observance of Mayor Grieves taking the Oath of Office in 1997 and the realization of the responsibility which accompanied the position. He said he felt Mayor Grieves had given his best and he thanked him for his vision and leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Duncan moved to adjourn the Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by viva voce vote.

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

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

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******* ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE *******

Mayor Grieves administered the Oath of Office to Incoming Elected City Clerk Mary L. Haynes.

City Clerk Mary L. Haynes gave a welcoming address and administered the Oath of Office to the following Incoming elected Officials:

Mayor David P. Ransburg
City Treasurer Mary A. Ulrich
Supervisor of General Assistance, Joseph P. Whalen
Council Member Clyde E. Gulley, Jr.
Council Member Marcella R. Teplitz
Council Member Gale S. Thetford
Council Member William R. Spears
Council Member Patrick A. Nichting

******* CONVENING OF THE NEW CITY COUNCIL *******

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

Rev. Dave Koehler gave the invocation.

**REMARKS BY THE NEWLY ELECTED DISTRICT
COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS**

City Treasurer Mary Ulrich thanked the Council for their support of her office in the past years. She said she was beginning her sixth term and she promised to continue to serve the public as she had in the past twenty years. She thanked and introduced her Staff and family, and she thanked the people of Peoria for allowing her to serve another term.

Supervisor of General Assistance Joseph Whalen introduced his wife and his Campaign Manager, and thanked them for their support. He said he would begin his third term as Supervisor of General Assistance, but he also had worked for the City for 32 years in the Police Department. He thanked those who voted for him and for giving him the opportunity to continue to serve.

City Clerk Mary Haynes introduced her family, friends, and Staff and thanked them for their support. She thanked her parents for the values that were instilled as she was growing up and she recognized former Mayor James A. Maloof and former Council Member Les Bergsten as her mentors over the years. She thanked the Council for their continued support and she pledged her continued support and service in protecting and preserving the permanent record for future generations.

Council Member Nichting thanked the City Staff, people of the Fifth District and members of the Fire Department for their assistance in his campaign. He thanked his family for their support and for allowing him the time to serve the City and perform City business.

Council Member Spears expressed his appreciation for his family and friends and their support during his campaign. He thanked the voters of the Fourth District for their votes.

Council Member Thetford thanked her family and friends for their support, guidance and advice during the campaign. She expressed her appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce and the Peoria Journal Star for their endorsements. She also thanked members of the Fire Department, City Retirees and friends for their donations. She discussed her goals for the next four years and her plan to lead with honesty and integrity.

Council Member Teplitz thanked her family for their support and advice during her campaign, and she thanked the outgoing Council Members and Mayor Grieves for the creation of the Neighborhood Development Commission. She commended former Council Member Duncan for his contributions to the community, and she said she planned to partner with former Second District Council Member Gibson regarding issues of the Second District and seek her advice. She commended former Council Member Gibson for her standards and high character. She said she looked forward to working with the newly elected Mayor and other Council Members. She also thanked all of her campaign volunteers for their support.

Council Member Gulley thanked God and those who had helped him with his campaign. He commended his wife and family for their support and he thanked former Council Member Duncan for his guidance. He indicated he looked forward to serving the City as a Council Member.

Mayor Ransburg introduced Assessor Bonnie Gavin, who was elected on April 3, 2001, and would take her Oath of Office on January 1, 2002.

REMARKS BY THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR

Mayor Ransburg thanked his family and friends for their support. He commended the outgoing Council Members and Mayor for their dedication to the citizens of Peoria. He said it was an awesome responsibility to be Mayor to all the people in Peoria, but he was anxious to meet the challenge. He said he had already held meetings with many members of the Administration and City Officials to discuss issues.

Mayor Ransburg stressed the importance of neighborhood stability, revitalization, job growth, population growth to make Peoria a place where people would want to live. He said Peoria was a wonderful place to raise a family and it was a beautiful city. He spoke of the importance of the Council working together for more effective meetings, and he said he planned to hold a Council Retreat soon because he felt it was important to agree on some Council rules and to plan. He added he wanted to improve City services and to make services more cost effective to give more value for the dollar.

Mayor Ransburg discussed his desire to begin the Budget process, because he knew the Council would be making some difficult decisions to make sure the City continued in a good financial condition. He further discussed some big issues that would be in front of the Council, such as the completion of the Downtown Stadium, the I-74 upgrade, the Peoria-Chicago-Kansas City Road.

Mayor Ransburg read a favorite quote by Dr. John H. Schaar, "The future is not the result of choices among alternative paths offered, it's a place that's created; created first in mind and will, created next in activity; the future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating; the paths to it are not found, but made, and the activity of creating them changes both the maker and the destination." He thanked everyone for their support and he urged all citizens to help him succeed in this endeavor. He said he wanted to work to make Peoria a place where everyone wanted to live, work, play and invest.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

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

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

THE HERITAGE ENSEMBLE ENTERTAINED THE AUDIENCE

******* RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED *******
SECOND AND THIRD FLOOR ROTUNDA

