: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, September 25, 2001, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:18 P.M., at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Mayor David P. Ransburg presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Council Members present: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10; Absent: Spears – 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ransburg discussed the recent and tragic death of Police Officer Jim Faulkner, who was shot and killed in the line of duty on September 20, 2001. He said there was strong Council support of a major effort for a multi-faceted program to go after people who were evil, who ran illegitimate businesses, and who came to the City of Peoria to do bad things. He said the City Officials, Council, citizens and City employees were appalled at recent violent criminal activity. He said this City would never forget the family of Officer Faulkner and he asked those in the Council Chambers, as well as those viewing the Council Meeting in their homes, or listening by radio, to remember Officer Faulkner's wife and five children in a moment of silent prayer. Mayor Ransburg then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: INDIA ASSOCIATION OF PEORIA: INDIA-AMERICA FRIENDSHIP DAY - September 29, 2001

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on September 18, 2001, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10;
Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE.

(01-639) **BID-SINR CONTRACT #16 – 1000 BLOCK THIRD STREET & MISCELLANEOUS ADDRESSES, Recommending the Low Bid of ORDAZ CONSTRUCTION, INC., in the Amount of $60,682.30.**

(01-640) **Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Concurrence in the Greater Peoria Sanitary District's Award for FARGO RUN SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE I), Recommending the Low Bid of J.C. DILLON, INC. for Division A (Gravity Sewer) in the Amount of $846,756.07, and the Low Bid of COLCLASURE, INC. for Division B (Pump Station) in the Amount of $510,500.00.**

(01-641) **PAYMENT ESTIMATE for PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: IMPERIAL DRIVE, RIVIERA DRIVE, RIVIERA COURT & ELDORADO DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT (Removing existing curb, gutter, sidewalks and driveway approaches and constructing concrete sidewalks, combination curb and sidewalks, combination curb and gutter driveway pavement, storm sewer, and a bituminous concrete pavement overlay and all necessary adjustments, incidentals and appurtenances.) COULTER CONSTRUCTION CO. - PAY ESTIMATE #8 - $36,867.59; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: $36,867.59. (For Information Only)**

(01-642) **Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE NO. 15,205 Approving the FINAL PLAT of WEAVERRIDGE SUBDIVISION SECTION FIVE, Hereby Amending Previous Ordinance No. 15,019.**

(01-643) **SITE APPROVAL for a CLASS "B" (RESTAURANT) with a SUBCLASS 1A (2:00 A.M. HOURS) and SUBCLASS 2 (LIVE ENTERTAINMENT) LIQUOR LICENSE for 3311 N. STERLING, UNITS 13, 14, 15, with Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.**

(01-644) **SITE APPROVAL for a CLASS "B" (RESTAURANT) LIQUOR LICENSE for 7800 N. SOMMER, SUITE 510, with Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.**

(01-645) **SITE APPROVAL for a CLASS "B" (RESTAURANT) with a SUBCLASS 2 (LIVE ENTERTAINMENT) LIQUOR LICENSE for 4203 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, SUITES 3 & 4, with Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.**

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

Item Nos. 01-639 through 01-645 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10;
Nays: None.

(01-646) **Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Authorization to Enter into an AGREEMENT for EXCLUSIVE LISTING with Maloof Commercial Real Estate Company for FORMER FIRE STATION #19 Located at 4303 W. LYNNHURST.**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the agreement for exclusive listing with Maloof Commercial Real Estate Company for former Fire Station #19 located at 4303 W. Lynnhurst; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10;
Nays: None.

(01-647) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2001 of the City of Peoria Relating to FIRE MARINE STATION, POLICE GRANTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PURCHASE and TOWNSHIP REIMBURSEMENT.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2001 of the City of Peoria relating to Fire Marine Station, Police Grants, Economic Development Capital Purchase and Township Reimbursement; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,206 was adopted by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10;
Nays: None.

(01-648) Communication from Fire Chief and Director of Public Works Requesting to Award the Low Bid of PEORIA METRO CONSTRUCTION, in the Amount of $232,000.00 for the FIRE DEPARTMENT MARINE STATION at the Riverfront.

Council Member Nichting moved to award the low bid of Peoria Metro Construction, in the amount of $232,000.00 for the Fire Department Marine Station at the Riverfront; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10;
Nays: None.

(01-649) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the PROPOSED BYLAWS for the Policy Committee of the PEORIA COUNTY GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS).

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the proposed bylaws for the Policy Committee of the Peoria County Geographic Information System (GIS); seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 9;
Nays: Sandberg - 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(01- 517) Communication from Corporation Counsel Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE A or ORDINANCE B Providing for COUNCIL RULES.

Council Member Turner moved to defer this item for one week until the October 2, 2001, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Motion to defer this item until October 2, 2001, was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10;
Nays: None.

(01-590) Communication from Director of Public Works with REPORT BACK Regarding VILLAGE GRANDE EROSION CONTROLS. (For Information Only)

Council Member Nichting moved to receive and file the report back regarding Village Grande Erosion Controls; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10;
Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

(01-650) TAG DAY REQUEST from the PEORIA POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION Requesting Permission to Collect Donations on the Sidewalks of Peoria on Saturday, September 29, 2001, from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. as a Gift to the FAMILY of POLICE OFFICER JIM FAULKNER.

City Clerk Mary Haynes distributed a copy of this communication to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Nichting moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Detective Mike Doyle; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to Detective Mike Doyle.

Detective Mike Doyle, President of the Peoria Police Benevolent Association, thanked those in the community for the outpouring of donations and support to the Police Department and the family of Police Officer Jim Faulkner. He introduced the Chairman of the September 29th Fundraiser, Officer Phil Fisher, and explained the philosophy of the event.

Officer Phil Fisher explained Police Officers and Fire Fighters from Peoria and outlying communities, and their families, would be collecting donations at more than eighteen shopping centers in the Peoria area and outlying communities. He said the donations would be a gift that would go directly to Mrs. Faulkner and the children. He thanked those who had already donated their time and money for this cause.

Council Member Nichting moved to grant permission for the Peoria Police Benevolent Association to collect donations on the sidewalks of Peoria on Saturday, September 29, 2001, from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., and extend authorization for any other date in the future which would be appropriate (open), for the Faulkner Family; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10;
Nays: None.

(01-651) REQUEST by Council Member Grayeb for Citizens to Contact the President of AES Corporation, Parent Company of CILCO, to Regain Local Control of their Energy Future.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern that AES Corporation, the parent company of CILCO, was in the process of dismantling the profit centers of CILCO and selling off portions to foil the City's efforts to gain local control of the community's energy future. He explained many regulatory hurdles would need to be met and many permissions for transfer of assets must be given by the Illinois Commerce Commission before AES could succeed in their efforts. He said any restructuring must be approved, but the deal makers had already met a solid rock of resistance from the leadership of this community, as well as other surrounding communities. He said the local goal was for price stability, a dramatic increase in service levels, and to regain corporate community leadership, commitment, and involvement in the communities. He urged concerned citizens to fax or write Mr. Dennis Bakke, President of AES Corporation, 1001 N. 19th Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209, Fax 703-528-4510, to let him know that citizens were demanding him to be true to his own words by leaving a legacy to this community by letting local citizens and investors regain control of its energy future. He added that only local control would be acceptable.

Mayor Ransburg said he spoke with the Mayor of Pekin, who was the President of the Heartland Illinois Mayors Association, and he would be holding a meeting with other Mayors to discuss the adoption of a Resolution by each community.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

(01-652) REQUEST by MR. BILL O'BRIEN to Address the City Council.

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

Mr. Bill O'Brien, 3321 N. Chestnut Lane, spoke in support of local ownership of CILCO. He expressed concern about how CILCO's parent company, AES, was attempting to dismantle the company. He urged the Council to take an active role in mobilizing the community to keep ownership of CILCO local and to protect the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(01-653) Consideration of a Motion for the City Council to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(8) Emergency security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to actual danger to the safety of employees, students, staff or public property; 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 Grayeb moved that the Council go into Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(8) Emergency security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to actual danger to the safety of employees, students, staff or public property; 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 that the Council go into Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(8) Emergency security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to actual danger to the safety of employees, students, staff or public property; 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, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10;

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 6:50 p.m.

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

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