

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, November 13, 2001, a Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council and Town Board was held this date at 6:15 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, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11; Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ransburg requested a moment of silent prayer, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. City Neighborhood Development Manager Jim Lambert sang a patriotic song.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY – November 15, 2001

PROCLAMATION: SALVATION ARMY SUNDAY – November 18, 2001

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH – November 2001

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Executive Sessions held on November 6, 2001, as printed; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**ITEM NO. 1 CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE.**

(01-745) NOTICE OF LAWSUIT on Behalf of WILLIAM F. MURPHY Regarding a Collision with a Police Vehicle on October 5, 2000.

(01-746) NOTICE OF LAWSUIT on Behalf of ANTOINE BUCKLEY and JERMAINE BROWN Regarding a Collision with a Police Vehicle on July 6, 2001.

(01-747) PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: JEFFERSON AVENUE RELOCATION (Oak Street to Kumpf Blvd.) (Demolition, construction of new PCC pavement, PCC combination curb and gutter, PCC sidewalk, bituminous overlay, landscaping, storm sewer, lighting, traffic signal items, and related conduit, earthwork, restoration and appurtenances.) P. J. HOERR, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #1: \$152,221.80; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$152,221.80. (For Information Only)

- (01-748) **PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: R. B. GARRETT AVENUE WIDENING IMPROVEMENT (Richard Allen Dr. to William Kumpf Blvd) (Widening existing pavement on Garrett Avenue to 55'; New combination concrete curb & gutter, p.c.c. drives and sidewalks; New storm sewers; Replacing existing street lights with combination ornamental/street lighting system; Widening intersection approach at Kumpf Blvd. to match existing pavement; modifying existing traffic signals for new intersection width; and Landscaping parkway with trees and sod.) R. A. CULLINAN & SON, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #15 & FINAL: \$28,936.18; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$28,936.18.**
- (01-749) **BIDS for WINDOW WASHING, Recommending the Bid of DAVE'S WINDOW CLEANING for a Two-Year Contract, for a Total Amount of \$20,920.00.**
- (01-750) **Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE NO. 15,220 Approving the PRIVATE STREETS, PRIVATE STREET NAMES, AND PRIVATE STREET MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT for VILLAGE GRANDE at ANCIENT OAKS SUBDIVISION, Located to the West of Charter Oak Village Section 6 and to the East of Koerner/Trigger Road.**
- (01-751) **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Regarding the Results of the AUGUST 4, 2001, and the OCTOBER 20, 2001, AUCTIONS and SEALED BID.**
- (01-752) **Communication from the Labor and Management HealthCare Committee Co-Chairs Regarding the 2001 THIRD QUARTER HEALTHCARE REPORT. (For Information Only)**
- (01-753) **REPORTS:**

A. PEORIA CIVIC CENTER REPORT – September, 2001.

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

Item Nos. 01-745 through 01-753 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

- (01-754) **Communication from the Labor and Management HealthCare Committee Co-Chairs Regarding the CITY HEALTHCARE PLAN PROGRESS REPORT PRESENTATION.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. William Hembree.

Mr. William Hembree, from Health Research Institute and consultant to the Joint Labor/Management HealthCare Committee, gave a progress report on the City's HealthCare Plan. He said the Committee had an opportunity to review the plan numbers for 2001 and if no changes had occurred, medical care costs would have increased by 22% for next year. He said the Committee worked hard to resolve these problems. He discussed the need to work diligently to improve quality of care to control medium term costs, and cost saving measures were identified such as expanded PPO, joint purchasing, education, etc. for immediate savings results. He explained the next steps were to hold employee meetings, implement the changes, which would take place at the beginning of 2002, and work during the year to deal with short and long term healthcare costs.

Council Member Nichting moved to receive and file the City HealthCare Plan Progress Report Presentation; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

(01-755) Communication from the Director of Human Resources Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Enter into an AGREEMENT with ALL EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIONS to Extend the JOINT LABOR/MANAGEMENT HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE for the Years 2003 and 2004.

Council Member Nichting moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with all employee bargaining unions to extend the Joint Labor/Management HealthCare Committee for the years 2003 and 2004; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

(01-756) Communication from the Labor and Management HealthCare Committee Co-Chairs Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Enter into an AGREEMENT through PALM with the City's PPO HOSPITALS for a CITY'S PHYSICIANS NETWORK, to Include Methodist FirstChoice Physicians, Methodist MedPointe Facilities, Proctor First Care Facilities, and Proctor Primary Care/Internal Medicine Physicians, and for an Extension of the PPO Hospital Agreements.

Mayor Ransburg stated he would be abstaining from the vote and discussion because he was a member of the Methodist Medical Center Board of Directors. He requested that Mayor Pro Tem Eric Turner assume the Chair.

Council Member Thetford moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Dave Koehler; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Turner granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Dave Koehler.

Mr. Dave Koehler, member of the Labor Management HealthCare Committee and representing PALM, explained a physician's network was a tool to achieve savings and was a unique contract. He said PALM would maintain the physician's network for the City and would be available on their web site and updated daily, if needed.

Council Member Thetford moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement through PALM with the City's PPO hospitals for a City's Physician's Network to include Methodist FirstChoice Physicians, Methodist MedPointe Facilities, Proctor First Care Facilities, and Proctor Primary Care/Internal Medicine Physicians, and for an extension of the PPO hospital agreements; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Mayor Pro Tem Turner – 10;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Mayor Ransburg - 1.

- (01-757) Communication from the Director of Human Resources Requesting Authorization of PAYMENT of the COST of the MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM, at the Rate of \$54.00 Per Month for Those Retired City Employees and their Spouses on the Healthcare Plan, who are Age 65 and Over and Eligible for Medicare for the Budget Year 2002, at a Cost of Approximately \$215,784.00.**

Council Member Thetford moved to authorize the payment of the cost of the Medicare Part B Premium, at the rate of \$54.00 per month for those retired City employees and their spouses on the Healthcare Plan, who are age 65 and over and eligible for Medicare for the budget year 2002, at a cost of approximately \$215,784.00; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

- (01-758) Communication from Director of Economic Development Recommending the SALE of a CITY-OWNED VACANT LOT Located at 615 N. E. MONROE, in the Amount of \$2,000.00 Plus Closing Costs, and Requesting that the City Manager be Authorized to Execute the Necessary Documents.**

Council Member Gulley moved to approve the sale of a City-owned vacant lot located at 615 N. E. Monroe, in the amount of \$2,000.00 plus closing costs, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

- (01-759) CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET OVERVIEW for the Year 2002:**

- A. Communication from the City Manager Regarding the 2002 BASE OPERATING BUDGET;**
- B. Communication from the City Manager Regarding the 2002 BASE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET;**
- C. Communication from Mayor David P. Ransburg Regarding the 2002 CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET OVERVIEW.**
- D. Communication from Director of the Peoria Public Library Regarding the LIBRARY BUDGET and BUDGET EXCEPTIONS.**

Council Member Morris moved to move Item D forward, regarding the Library Budget and Budget exceptions, to be discussed first; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to move Item D forward on the Agenda was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

D. Communication from Director of the Peoria Public Library Regarding the LIBRARY BUDGET and BUDGET EXCEPTIONS.

Council Member Morris moved to defer this item until the November 27, 2001, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

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

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

A. Communication from the City Manager Regarding the 2002 BASE OPERATING BUDGET;

City Manager Michael McKnight discussed the change to the Budget process caused by a severe shortfall in revenues in the Operating Budget as well as the Capital Improvement Budget. He said the revenue shortfalls would require policy direction from the Council. He added that in order to bring a balanced Budget to the Council for the preliminary process, approximately \$2.5 million in reductions were made.

Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan discussed rankings for the Capital Improvement Budget. She said the CDBG program and the road funds were ranked, but the other areas of the Capital Fund that dealt with the discretionary budgets were not ranked because there was a shortfall of revenue. She added that the revenue from the 1996 utility tax had entirely been committed to debt service. She said the revenue from the tax had been estimated at approximately \$40 million, but the Administration was able to leverage it up to \$43 million in bonds. She said in order to fund sidewalks, drainage, special assessments, etc., a new revenue source would be needed. She requested direction from the City Council to cover the gap.

Mr. McKnight stated the Administration had been directed to prepare their Budgets at the 2001 level and bring their Budget exceptions forward. He said the increase was driven by contractual obligations of the various labor unions and healthcare costs.

Discussion was held regarding staffing levels, department work loads, and the backlog of capital projects.

Council Member Thetford expressed concern that the City planned to increase operations without any cuts and propose a sales tax increase from the taxpayers. She said she felt it was imperative to request a hiring freeze.

Council Member Thetford moved to implement a hiring freeze, effective immediately, and any exceptions to the hiring freeze should be brought before the Council for approval; seconded by Council Member Turner.

In discussion with Council Member Grayeb regarding what positions were open, Director of Human Resources Pat Parsons reported there were vacancies in Police Officer positions, Fire Fighter positions, 911 dispatcher positions, and clerical positions.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern that, if the motion passed, public safety would be negatively impacted and he urged the Council not to support the motion. He requested a report back regarding what positions were vacant at the present time so it could be determined how a hiring freeze would impact public services.

Council Member Thetford clarified the motion that if Police Officer or Fire Fighter positions were ready to be filled, the City Manager would be able to bring the request to the Council for approval.

Council Member Turner spoke in support of the motion and he indicated the City's financial situation needed to be taken seriously. He said the Council would have to make some difficult decisions, and he added if there were positions that were not important enough to be filled in the past six to seven months, other than public safety, then it should be questioned if those positions should be filled.

Council Member Teplitz pointed out an important component of the plan, in order to place more Police Officers on the street to better serve the citizens, was to prehire replacements so training could be completed for new Police Officers as positions became available when Police Officers retired. She said the alternative would result in increased overtime for the Police Department during the training periods of new Police Officers.

Council Member Sandberg moved for a substitute motion to implement a hiring freeze exempting Police and Fire Fighter positions, and any exceptions to the hiring freeze should be brought before the Council for approval; seconded by Council Member Spears.

Motion to approve the substitute motion to implement a hiring freeze exempting Police and Fire Fighter positions, and any exceptions to the hiring freeze should be brought before the Council for approval was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 9;

Nays: Gulley, Teplitz - 2.

In discussion with Council Member Spears regarding staffing levels in the Inspection Department, Director of Inspections John Kunki reported that his department presently had 54 employees, if a current vacancy was filled. He indicated this number disagreed with the number that was listed on Page 16 of the 2002 Departmental Budget Request booklet.

Council Member Thetford pointed out that the 2002 Operations Budget was identical to the 2001 Operations Budget, with the exception of healthcare costs. She questioned the need for the 4.4% increase, and she questioned how services were impacted in 2001 without the increase.

Ms. Hogan explained there had been no mandatory training for personnel in 2001 because the Personnel Department lost two positions, the Economic Development Department lost three positions, but did not have a decrease in work load, and the Planning Department was impacted by their reduction in staff which delayed their projects. She said these reductions in 2001 certainly impacted City operations.

In further discussion, City Manager Michael McKnight indicated that contractual obligations and healthcare costs increased the 2002 Budget by 16%.

B. Communication from the City Manager Regarding the 2002 BASE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET;

Council Member Thetford expressed concern there was no funding allocated for sidewalks, special assessments and drainage at the present time. She said additional revenue was needed, but she pointed out the Third Quarter CIP Report reflected that there were several areas of unexpended funding. She said she felt it was important for the Council to know what amounts were not going to be spent by the end of the year so those funds could be reprogrammed to cover some of the shortfall. She requested a report back to include projects that would not be expended or those that were scheduled for the Fourth Quarter.

Council Member Thetford referred to the ranking criteria for roads, and she also expressed concern that it was not possible, generally, to get a road project approved for funding unless it was in a growth area because it would not score high enough to obtain the needed points to be considered.

Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan distributed a copy of the Minimal Expended Projects Budgeted over Two Years as of September 30, 2001, to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Spears referred to the 2000 Budget and the funding for the Charter Oak Extension, which indicated that no funding was needed in 2001 or 2002. He pointed out that funding was being requested in the 2002 CIP and he thought the project had already been fully funded at \$10 million.

Ms. Hogan indicated that the \$4.7 million on Page 41 of the 2002 – 2006 Capital Improvement Program Request Booklet for the Charter Oak Road Extension was an additional request. She said according to City Engineer Gene Hewitt, costs had fluctuated because of costs associated with the Illinois Commerce Commission and the amount they would cover, and the project was a multi-year project so costs had escalated.

Council Member Spears requested a report back regarding the amount the City would be responsible for on the Charter Ok Road Extension after the Illinois Commerce Commission provided their funding for the project.

Council Member Spears referred to the \$5 million budgeted for the Stadium development in the previous year, and he pointed out the City only paid \$3.5 million into the project. He requested a report back regarding if the remaining \$1.5 million would be available for reprogramming.

Discussion was held regarding priorities for facility operations and unexpended amounts. It was later pointed out that most of the money set aside for facility operations would be expended by the end of the year.

In discussion with Council Member Grayeb regarding the reopening of Fire Station #17 on Skyline Drive, development in the area and the increased number of senior citizens, Fire Chief Roy Modglin explained since the 1992 closure of Fire Station #17, emergency responses to that area increased by 65% over 1992. He said about 80% of the calls were for the nursing home in that area, plus increased traffic that traveled Galena Road. He said IDOT had determined there were 730,000 additional cars traveling Galena Road since traffic studies were done in 1992. He expressed concern regarding the average response time, which was over four minutes and upwards toward 6½ minutes. He also discussed the possibility of turning the Training Academy into a State and/or National Regional Training facility for the Fire Academy with the help of State funding. He indicated this could become a revenue stream for the Fire Department.

C. Communication from Mayor David P. Ransburg Regarding the 2002 CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET OVERVIEW.

Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan distributed replacement Pages 24 and 30 for the Revised Schedule for adoption of the 2002 Budget and Tax Levy to all members of the City Council.

Mayor Ransburg said the preliminary budget had a deficit of \$3.6 million in 2002, projected to grow to a \$13.8 million operating deficit in 2006. He pointed out there were no revenue streams to fund projects that were important to constituents, such as sidewalks, drainage and special assessments. He said he had held 16 meetings with individual Council Members, the City Manager, and various members of the Finance Department. He said comments from the City Council members had been formed into a consensus and a proposed set of guidelines for the City staff to finish their detailed Budget and to take actions that were important for the short-term and long-term.

Mayor Ransburg proposed an increase in fines, fees, etc. by approximately \$500,000 per year; increase home rule sales tax by \$.01; eliminate the sales tax rebate; transfer the remaining 2% of utility tax to the capital fund so it could be used for capital expenditures (only 50% in 2002); reduce property taxes by \$.02; and several other items.

Mayor Ransburg discussed the terms of additional expenditures based on discussions among the Council members which would include: \$200,000 per year on economic development; \$500,000 per year on neighborhood improvement; and an additional \$125,000 for council discretion which would include some planning money and consultants to help the City to obtain funds in Springfield or Washington D.C.; and \$300,000 for the year 2002 for developing plans for the City to increase their efficiency in the years ahead.

Mayor Ransburg said he supported balancing the Budget without laying off any staff members.

Council Member Spears expressed concern that the numbers in the 2002 Departmental Budget Request and the numbers in the Revised Schedule for Adoption of the 2002 Budget and Tax Levy did not match. It was indicated that the figures in the Revised Schedule were audited numbers for 2000.

Budget Analyst Helen Young pointed out the numbers in the 2002 Department Budget Request on Page 3 were not correct due to a computer error and needed to be amended.

Ms. Hogan said the 2000 and 2001 figures in the Revised Schedule were the correct numbers and included the 13th month figures.

Discussion was held regarding the increase of parking fines and bond refinancing. Mayor Ransburg indicated that refinancing the bonds would not benefit the City at this time. Ms. Hogan pointed out that Financial Adviser Kevin McCanna continually watched the bonds and notified the City when refinancing would be beneficial. Discussion was also held regarding a possible \$.01 sales tax increase.

Following further discussion regarding further options, Council Member Sandberg moved to adopt the \$.01 Home Rule sales tax; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Council Member Turner referred to 2001 Budget discussions and his support of a \$.01 increase in sales tax, which would have generated \$12 million for the City. He said that proposal was not supported at that time. He discussed the 2001 programs that the City had tapped into to provide additional support of the citizens of Peoria, such as the COPS Grant, the Home Ownership Made Easy Program, the addition of two home ownership counselors and three neighborhood specialists, the increase in the sidewalk budget, addition of a new Fire Station and the City provided free parking on the Riverfront. He said the City had done everything possible to make the City better for the citizens. He said he felt the Council would be as fair as possible when considering the 2002 Budget. He said there were changes in the proposed 2002 Budget that could be and should be made.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern about the efficiency of the use of some Staff members. He said he felt the process of the One Stop Shop and the use of employees was somewhat inefficient and should be reorganized.

Council Member Morris indicated he did not feel the Council should vote on a sales tax increase at this time. He suggested that the Council defer the vote until more Budget details were known.

Council Member Morris moved for a substitute motion to defer the vote on the \$.01 Home Rule sales Tax increase until the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled for November 20, 2001; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of individual Council Members presenting substitutions for the proposed Budget. Council Member Sandberg expressed concern regarding the delay of the proposed Budget.

In further discussion, City Clerk Mary Haynes clarified that tax levy documents must be filed with the County Clerk's Office by no later than 5:00 P.M. on December 21, 2001, in order for the City to meet the deadline advised by the County Clerk.

Council Member Nichting moved to call the question; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Motion to call the question was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 9;

Nays: Grayeb, Spears - 2.

Substitute motion to defer the vote on the \$.01 Home Rule sales Tax increase until the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled for November 20, 2001, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 7;

Nays: Ardis, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears - 4.

Council Member Turner moved to remand the 2002 Base Operating Budget, the 2002 Base Capital Improvement Budget, and the 2002 City of Peoria Budget Overview back to Staff to be placed on the Council Agenda for the November 20, 2001, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

Clerk's Note: The Council determined they could bring ideas, suggestions, and revisions forward during this week prior to the November 20, 2001, Council Meeting.

(01-760) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Approval of the ESTIMATE of TAXES to be LEVIED Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18/60 of \$16,443,724.00, at a Rate not to Exceed \$1.2649.

Council Member Sandberg moved to approve the estimate of taxes to be levied pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18/60 of \$16,443,724.00, at a rate not to exceed \$1.2649; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

(01-761) Communication from the Town Officials Budget Committee Requesting Approval of the ESTIMATE of TAXES to be LEVIED Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18/60 for the TOWN of the CITY OF PEORIA, in the Amount of \$1,593,830.00.

Trustee Nichting moved to approve the estimate of taxes to be levied pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18/60 for the Town of the City of Peoria, in the amount of \$1,593,830.00; seconded by Trustee Sandberg.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Chairman Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**COMMENTS REGARDING THE NEW AUDIO SYSTEM for the CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council Member Ardis pointed out that Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle had provided a copy of the Council communication regarding the bids for the audio system to all members of the City Council for their review.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**(01-762) REQUEST by MR. CHASE INGERSOLL to Address the CITY COUNCIL
Regarding the Relationship Between Crime and Property Values.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Chase Ingersoll.

Mr. Chase Ingersoll, P. O. Box 5782, indicated it was his opinion that if crime went down in a City, then property values would go up. He proposed that the Police Department post pictures of criminals in areas where they committed their crimes so the public could assist the Police in the arrests. He also proposed that the names and addresses of criminals and their family/friends be posted on the internet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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

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