

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, December 4, 2001, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:20 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 Human Resources Technician Phyllis Draper and the group Nine to Five sang a patriotic song.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: GEORGE'S SHOESHINE 55TH ANNIVERSARY

PROCLAMATION: HEARTLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC 10TH ANNIVERSARY

PRESENTATION: PRESENTATION of CHECKS and PLAQUE to POLICE CHIEF and UPDATE Regarding FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN for LIGHTWEIGHT VESTS for POLICE OFFICERS.

RECOGNITION of FORMER MAYORS AND OFFICIALS

Mayor Ransburg welcomed former Mayor Jim Maloof, former Mayor Lowell Grieves, former Council Member Andre Bohannon, and County Board Member Merle Widmer who were in the audience.

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Executive Session held on November 27, 2001, as printed; 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**(01-804) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the 2002 CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET.**

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing; 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.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:44 P.M.

Mr. Rick Simkins, 6607 N. Suffolk Drive, said he represented Police Officers from the Heartland D.A.R.E. Program covering three counties of the D.A.R.E. Program. He expressed concern that the City's proposed Budget would cut two Peoria D.A.R.E. Officers from the program. He said the D.A.R.E. Program was a necessity to educate young children in their value systems and in the lessons learned through the program. He urged the City to find the funding through grants, etc. to reinstate the two D.A.R.E. Officer positions. He also encouraged Police Chief Stenson to continue to look for good Police Officers to fill those positions as teachers.

Mr. Lowell Grieves, 125 S. W. Jefferson and former City Mayor, speaking as a major sales and real estate taxpayer in the City, indicated there was little excess in the proposed 2002 Budget. He spoke of his experience in working on the City's Budget in the past four years, and he commended the Council for freezing the real estate tax rate. He said, as a businessman who tried to attract tourism to the City, he felt there was a critical mass developed in the downtown and Riverfront areas; but if Peoria became known for having the highest sales tax rate in the State, it would be a negative force against the City. He also urged the Council to use the \$800,000.00 windfall to bolster economic development growth. He further discussed the positive aspects of the City of Peoria owning the Water Company, which included a new revenue source. He urged the Mayor to appoint a panel to meet with a panel from the County to discuss how to consolidate local services.

Mr. Merle Widmer, 612 W. Collingwood Circle, cautioned the Council not to price citizens and businesses out of business. He urged the City to work closely with the County to address future community needs.

Following a third call for public comments and after Mayor Ransburg determined no one else wished to address the issue, Council Member Nichting moved to close the Public Hearing; 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.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:05 P.M.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE.

(01-805) BIDS for LUMINARE LIGHT FIXTURES for the TWIN TOWERS PARKING DECK, Recommending the Low Bid of GRAYBAR ELECTRIC, in the Amount of \$12,960.00.

(01-806) PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT and REQUEST to APPROVE REPROGRAMMING of ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT FUNDS: MacARTHUR HIGHWAY BRIDGE REHABILITATION (The rehabilitation of the MacArthur Highway Bridge and approaches including concrete repairs at the bridge and retaining walls, pavement surface replacement including a bituminous concrete overlay, removal and replacement of concrete medians, sidewalks, steps and driveways, and application of a concrete coating to the structure, as well as other miscellaneous items to finish the improvement.) P. J. HOERR, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #8 & FINAL: \$37,547.21; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$37,547.21. (For Information Only)

- (01-807) **PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: NORWOOD AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT (Central Ave. to Cul-de-sac) (Removing existing curb, gutter, sidewalks and driveway adjustment areas and constructing PCC gutter flag, combination curb and sidewalk, driveway approaches, and a bituminous concrete overlay and all necessary adjustments, incidentals and appurtenances.) C&G CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION CO. – PAY ESTIMATE #2 & SEMI-FINAL: \$67,813.03; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$67,813.03. (For Information Only)**
- (01-808) **Communication from Corporation Counsel with ORDINANCE NO. 15,232 Amending CHAPTER 28 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to TRAFFIC and MOTOR VEHICLES, Increasing Parking Rates. (Refer to Ordinance No. 15,228)**
- (01-809) **Communication from Director of Economic Development with
* ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 14,593, EXPANDING the BOUNDARIES of the ENTERPRISE ZONE.**
- (01-810) **Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Adoption of the Following:**
- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 15,233 Approving the FINAL PLAT of KNOXVILLE PLACE, SECTION TWO, an OFFICE and MULTI-FAMILY SUBDIVISION Located North of Victoria Villas, West of Knoxville Avenue, Ease of the Kellar Branch Railroad Tracks, and South of Crestline Drive;**
- B. **AGREEMENT for RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION.**
- (01-811) **Communication from Mayor David P. Ransburg Regarding PLANNING COMMISSION TERMS:**
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| Scott Davis | Term Expires June 30, 2004 |
| Nancy Lawless | Term Expires June 30, 2003 |
| Henry Lawrence | Term Expires June 30, 2004 |
| Ray Lees | Term Expires June 30, 2003 |
- (01-812) **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Regarding POLICE and FIREFIGHTER PENSION ACTUARIAL REPORTS.**
- (01-813) **REPORTS:**
- A. **CITY TREASURER’S REPORT – October, 2001.**

CONSIDERATION of REPORT BACKS as Follows:

- (01-672) **Communication from Equal Opportunity Director Regarding REPORT BACK on ENHANCED AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EFFORTS.**

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

Council Member Sandberg requested that Item No. 01-809 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 01-805 through 01-813, and 01-672 (excluding Item No. 01-809 which was removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion) 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.

**(01-809) Communication from Director of Economic Development with
* ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 14,593, EXPANDING the BOUNDARIES
 of the ENTERPRISE ZONE.**

Council Member Sandberg stated he did not feel it was the vision of the State of Illinois to have an Enterprise Zone in green field development in growth cells.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14,593, expanding the boundaries of the Enterprise Zone; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Director of Economic Development David Dobson stated all applications for an Enterprise Zone were screened by the Department of Community Affairs, who administered the program. He said if an area did not qualify, the State would react in a negative manner. He added the proposed Ordinance was expanding an area that was previously approved by the State.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,234 amending Ordinance No. 14,593, expanding the boundaries of the Enterprise Zone was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

**(01-814) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with
 Recommendation from the HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION (HRC) to
 Approve FUNDING for YEAR 2002, as Outlined.**

The United Neighborhood Association distributed a copy of their application for funding, which was not approved by the Human Resources Commission, to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Ms. Diana Joseph; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to Ms. Diana Joseph.

Ms. Diana Joseph, Chairperson of the Human Resource Commission, explained the process used to scrutinize each application and determine which programs would be funded. She said of the 45 requests, 36 programs would be funded in the amount of \$386,550.00. She said the Commission was very careful to choose programs that would benefit the entire community.

Council Member Thetford moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Ms. Deborah Valent; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to Ms. Deborah Valent.

Ms. Deborah Valent, 1111 E. Nebraska and President of the United Neighborhood Association, urged the Council to fund Project Link, even though it was not recommended for funding by the Human Resource Commission. She explained Project Link was a teen outreach program that would closely resemble an art center, and the program would provide classes, job search, etc. for teens. She discussed the need for at least one-third of the requested \$59,016.00 to cover the building expenses and to begin the program.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the fund for the year 2002, as outlined and recommended by the Human Resources Commission; 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.

(01-815) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation for FUNDING of the EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) for YEAR 2002.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the funding of the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) for the year 2002; 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.

(01-816) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Sign a LEAD ABATEMENT/MITIGATION CONTRACT with THE PEORIA CITIZENS COMMITTEE for ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (PCCEO), and Authorization for an ADDITIONAL \$50,000 for LEAD MITIGATION and ABATEMENT EFFORTS.

Council Member Grayeb moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a Lead Abatement/Mitigation Contract with the Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity (PCCEO), and authorize an additional \$50,000.00 for lead mitigation and abatement efforts; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(01-817) CITY MANAGER REPORT to CITY COUNCIL.

Council Member Morris moved to receive and file the City Manager Report to City Council; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Sandberg referred to Workforce Development and he expressed concern that Mr. Bashir Ali's division encompassed only about 7,200 square feet of 17,000 square feet of space that he leased. He questioned how the remaining space was used.

Mr. Ali said there was a One Stop System and the other part of the operation was allocated to other grant sources. He said his department received about a dozen different grants for a number of different programs and services. He further stated that his department had about 20 employees.

In further discussion, Council Member Sandberg questioned the number of employees, and the large amount of space needed at such a high cost.

Mayor Ransburg suggested that Mr. Ali conduct an analysis and provide the information to Council Member Sandberg.

Council Member Sandberg pointed out that out of three grants totaling approximately \$885,000.00 of federal money, only \$10,000.00 came from the other nine partners that have moved into the 17,000 square foot agency.

Discussion was also held regarding details of the Police Monthly Report and the benefits of advanced training in weapons and mass destruction for the Fire Department.

Motion to receive and file the City Manager Report to City Council was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(01-779) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with Zoning Commission Recommendation to Approve and Staff Recommendation to DENY an ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 6522 and 6600 N. UNIVERSITY STREET from the Present Class R-7 (Multi-Family Residential) District to a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District.

Council Member Nichting moved to table this item; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Motion to table this item was 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:

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

Council Member Morris moved to fund \$200,000 of the requested \$326,000 for the Library's Operations Budget, to be open some months on Sunday; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Morris pointed out that it would take some time to implement the additional hours of the Downtown Branch being open on Sundays so the year 2002 could be used as a test to determine if Sunday hours should continue in the future.

Discussion was held regarding the increase of Library fines and fees for additional revenue.

Executive Director of the Peoria Public Library Sue Herring said she was willing to recommend to the Library Board of Trustees an increase of fines for books, videos, CD rom, etc. She indicated that increased fines could raise approximately \$35,000, if most fees were doubled and maximum fines were raised.

Council Member Nichting questioned how the success of the Library being open on Sunday be measured.

Mr. Lyle Dickes, 2323 E. Tanglewood, Peoria Public Library Board Member, stated Sunday traffic would be a good indication of how successful the new hours at the Downtown Library would be, compared to the other six days it was open. He said the Library Trustees would recommend to the City Council whether or not it would be established as a permanent policy or not, and the Council would make the ultimate decision on whether or not the Downtown Library would remain open on Sundays.

In discussion, Council Member Morris clarified that if there was any surplus for the Library, the money had to go into a Capital Fund Balance according to State Statute.

Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan stated the communication proposed that any extra funds would go into a corporate levy and be transferred from the Corporate Fund to the Library Fund as needed. She said it was not suggested for it to be a part of the Library Levy.

In discussion with Council Member Spears, City Manager Michael McKnight indicated that the proposed \$200,000 would come out of the General Fund.

Motion to fund \$200,000 of the requested \$326,000 for the Library's Operations Budget, to be open some months on Sunday was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Morris also stated the Library had requested \$160,000 for computer equipment, \$200,000 for the Southside Library elevator, and \$130,000 for remodeling the Lakeview Branch entryway, for a total of \$490,000. He added there were some grants or private fundraising that could supplement the Library's Budget. He said there was a CDBG grant, in the amount of \$50,000 a year, that an earlier Council had established for the Library. He said that \$50,000 was set aside to support capital needs of the Southside Library.

Council Member Morris moved to fund the Library Capital Budget in the amount of \$400,000, rather than the \$490,000; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

In discussion with Mr. Dickes, Council Member Morris recommended not approving any direct allocation from the 2002 City Capital Budget for the Northside Library Branch. He said the Board's request was for the Council to back a \$500,000 loan. He indicated he was not in favor of a loan for the \$500,000. He stated he felt the City should come up with the money and allocate it to the Library to acquire property. He indicated he felt there was Council interest and this could be the beginning of on-going dialogue.

Council Member Morris said the Council should commit to begin a serious dialogue with the Library Board, not only about the Northside Branch, but also a strategic plan for their capital needs overall.

Mayor Ransburg said until it was clear as to what the consequences would be for the City, he did not feel the Council would commit to an allocation at this time. He said an allocation would not be made in this Budget cycle, but dialogue with the Library Board could begin in the near future.

In discussion with Mr. Dickes, Council Member Morris said he would be committed to begin discussion January 1, if necessary.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Mr. Dickess discussed the Library's commitment to moving forward with a Northside Branch.

Council Member Morris moved for a resolution that the Council express their interest in further discussion regarding the Library's Northside Branch; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion for a resolution that the Council express their interest in further discussion regarding the Northside Branch was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

RECESS

Mayor Ransburg called for a recess of the City Council at 9:00 P.M.

RECONVENING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk Mary Haynes noted the following Council Members present: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting (Returned at 9:15 P.M.), Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11; Absent: None.

The Council reconvened at 9:10 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEM NO. 01-759 CONTINUED:

CONTINUATION OF REPORT BACKS RELATING TO THE BUDGET:

7. Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with REPORT BACK on the GROWTH MANAGEMENT FUND.

Council Member Thetford expressed concern that a large portion of the budgeted monies for the listed projects had not been expended for the year 2001. She said, with committed projects that would be paid for in the year 2002, she suggested there could be a surplus of \$775,000. She said from her standpoint, she did not feel \$750,000 should be removed from sidewalks, Griswold Street, and other neighborhood projects, as proposed in Version 3, which would be discussed later in the meeting. She urged the Council to review some of the funds from the Growth Management Fund before sidewalks funds, and other neighborhood project monies were reprogrammed.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Wayne Anthony gave an overview of the projects that would need to be paid for in 2002. He said Fargo Run Phase I was currently under contract and construction, and Fargo Run Phase II would be constructed and completed by the end of 2002. He said the Storm Water Study needed to be completed before development occurred. He discussed the balance of projects, in the amount of \$775,000, and he referred to the explanations in the Council communication. In discussion, he said the only amount that might be available for reprogramming would be the \$150,000 for Wilder Waite Extension.

Council Member Thetford moved to make \$150,000 available for reprogramming from Growth Management 2002; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Council Member Sandberg pointed out reprogramming the \$150,000 would still be deficit spending about in the amount of \$44,000. He said he could not support the motion.

In discussion with Council Member Spears, Mayor Ransburg explained the \$150,000 would be taken from the capital project and be available in fund balances.

Discussion was held regarding the projects and the proposed reduction of \$750,000 from sidewalks and other neighborhood projects.

Motion to make \$150,000 available for reprogramming from Growth Management 2002 was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Teplitz, Thetford – 5;

Nays: Ardis, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 6.

Council Member Nichting moved to receive and file the report back on the Growth Management Fund; 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.

8. Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with REPORT BACK on PLANNING/ZONING FEES.

Council Member Thetford said she agreed that fees should be increased, but for 100% recovery of costs, the fees were too high.

Mr. Anthony said he agreed. He said the current fees were too low and should be raised, but not raised so much that would create a disincentive.

Discussion was held regarding the raising of fees, how much fees should be raised and how the City's fees compared to County fees. It was determined that fees should be raised, but not enough to harm the market. It was also suggested that the Administration make sure Staff was working in the most efficient manner to keep costs down.

City Manager Michael McKnight suggested that the Council remand the increase of all fees back to the Administration and allow them to recommend changes and find the needed \$600,000 to balance the Budget.

Council Member Grayeb suggested that future Council communications include a Staff recommendation giving some guidelines to the Council.

Council Member Spears moved to receive and file the report back on the Planning/Zoning Fees; 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.

9. Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with REPORT BACK on MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES, FEES AND FINES.

10. Communication from Director of Inspections with REPORT BACK on INSPECTION FEES AND FINES.

11. **Communication from Director of Economic Development with REPORT BACK on LAND PROCEEDS from TRANSIT CENTER.**
12. **Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding ADDITIONAL PARKING REVENUE for 2002.**

Council Member Ardis requested the City Manager to review the issue of dispatch fees. He said there may be an agreement in the near future, and that may be a more appropriate time to address potential dispatch fees, if there would be any. He said it was his understanding that it would not be a big impact on the Budget if there was a slight delay.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle stated, in reviewing parking revenues and trying to raise \$400,000 with increased fees, projected revenue was approximately \$415,000, if usage remained the same as in 2001. He expressed concern the increases were more than normal and private facilities in the downtown area would not follow suit with increases. He said if private facilities did not follow suit, there may be some shift that would erode anticipated extra revenue. He said another concern, though it may not impact 2002, was that increases may cause businesses to shift out of the downtown area.

Council Member Turner suggested keeping the validation stickers at the current price. He reminded the Council that Riverfront businesses negotiated the prices not long ago and traffic was increasing in the Riverfront area, which resulted in additional sales tax to the City.

Mr. McKnight indicated that some of the previously discussed \$800,000 parking lot money and the \$200,000 from Ameritech, for the Ball Stadium, may be included in the mix to bring the Budget in line.

In discussion with Council Member Gulley regarding the Animal Shelter, Director Lauren Malmberg indicated there could be an increase in fees for pet adoption.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray indicated that proposed Ordinances for fee increases would not have to be enacted by the end of the year, but the increases would have to be agreed upon by the Council.

Council Member Spears moved to receive and file the report backs on Miscellaneous Licenses, Fees and Fines; Inspection Fees and Fines; land proceeds from the Transit Center; and Additional Parking Revenue for 2002; 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.

**A/B Communication from the City Manager Regarding the 2002 OPERATION
/C AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS – VERSION 3.**

In discussion with Council Member Nichting, Economic Development Director David Dobson indicated that the \$200,000 for the Edgewater Building would not be needed and could be reprogrammed.

In further discussion regarding the Sears Demolition, Mr. Dobson said he recommended that the Sears Block not be addressed until a downtown plan could be completed. He said this money was set aside in anticipation of T-21 money, in the amount of approximately \$3 million that would expire by October, 2002. He said he found out the money did not have an expiration date, so the amount of \$750,000 would probably not be needed in the year 2002.

Council Member Nichting said this would equal \$950,000 in funds to be reprogrammed. In further discussion with Mr. Anthony and Mr. Van Winkle, it was indicated an additional \$70,000 in CDBG funds would also be available for sidewalks in need of repair, where eligible.

City Manager Michael McKnight suggested that the Council remand Version 3 back to the Administration to make recommendations about raising fees, and keep in mind that any additional monies over the \$600,000 would go into Fund Balance.

Council Member Nichting moved to reprogram \$750,000 from the Sears Block Demolition and \$200,000 for the Edgewater Building to increase the funding to special assessment and restore money for fleet recapitalization. No second was heard.

Council Member Teplitz indicated there was a desire for some of this money to go toward fund balance. She urged Council Members to plan for contingencies in the fund balance.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Council Member Thetford explained the YWCA requested approximately \$325,000 from the Council to leverage federal funds. She said the Council committed to \$75,000 the first year and the following four years. She said the \$75,000 that was in the 2002 Budget represented the Council's commitment.

Council Member Sandberg questioned which project and how the \$75,000 would be used. He expressed concern that these answers were not known.

Council Member Ardis inquired about how these funds were funded prior to this year. He added this may be a potential for additional reprogramming.

1) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting AUTHORIZATION to FILL the ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I VACANT POSITION in the ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE DIVISION, and to utilize a TEMPORARY for the Interim Period.

Council Member Turner moved to authorize filling the Administrative Specialist I vacant position in the Accounts Receivable Division, and utilize a temporary for the interim period; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

13. Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with REPORT BACK Regarding the GATEWAY BUILDING.

Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan distributed a copy of this communication to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Sandberg requested a report back on revenues from Festival Park and the Gateway Building cost centers.

Council Member Sandberg moved to receive and file the report back regarding the Gateway Building; 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.

NEW BUSINESS**(01-818) REQUEST for INFORMATION Regarding TIME LINES and DEADLINES for REFERENDUMS in 2002.**

Council Member Sandberg requested the Legal Department to provide timelines and deadlines for potential referendums in March and November, 2002.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No citizens came forward to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

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

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