

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, July 25, 2000, 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, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9; Absent: Grayeb, Morris - 2.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

PROCLAMATION: PEORIA JAZZ ALL-STARS EUROPEAN TOUR 2000

**MINUTES**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular City Council Meeting on July 18, 2000, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS****CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:**

- (00-580) TAG DAY REQUEST from KIWANIS CLUB OF PEORIA to Conduct their KIWANIS PEANUT DAY FUND RAISING PROJECT on Friday, September 22, 2000.
- (00-581) PAYMENT ESTIMATE for PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: MacARTHUR – R. B. GARRETT OFF-RAMP & INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT (Construction of concrete retaining walls for right turn lane from MacArthur Highway Bridge (southbound), realigning & constructing new 10” p.c.c. pavement on Richard Allen Drive & Saratoga Street, widening & constructing new 10” p.c.c. pavement on R. B. Garrett Avenue connecting Saratoga to Fourth, constructing new p.c.c. drives & sidewalks, along with new storm sewers and replacing street lighting system.) OTTO BAUM COMPANY, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #7 - \$87,997.71; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$87,997.71. (For Information Only)
- (00-582) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval for IDOT to MODIFY SIGNAGE for the RONALD REAGAN TRAIL to Direct Motorists to the BOB MICHEL BRIDGE via Adams and Jefferson Streets.

- (00-583) Communication from Director of Economic Devepment Requesting Authorization to SELL CITY-OWNED VACANT LOTS Commonly Known as 101 and 102 MOUND STREET (portion thereof), in the Amount of \$150.00.
- (00-584)  
\* Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Approving the PRIVATE STREET, PRIVATE STREET NAME and PRIVATE STREET MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT for "TRAJEN WAY".
- (00-585) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Lowell G. Grieves to the RAILROAD COMMISSION:  
  
Mr. Tom Horstmann
- (00-586) APPOINTMENTS and REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell G. Grieves to the NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:
- Appointments: Ms. Willa Lucas  
Mr. Clyde Gulley  
Ms. Patricia Bass
- Reappointments: Mr. William O'Brien  
Ms. Cartheda Welch  
Mr. Mark Spenny  
Mr. Frank Corso  
Council Member Charles Grayeb  
Council Member John Morris  
Council Member William Spears
- (00-587) APPOINTMENT and REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell G. Grieves to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:
- Appointment: Mr. Lyle Dikes
- Reappointments: Mr. Stephen Gay  
Mr. Will Vance  
Ms. Maxine A. Wortham
- (00-588) APPOINTMENT and REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell G. Grieves to the SISTER CITY COMMISSION:
- Appointment: Mr. Thomas N. Stanesa
- Reappointments: Mr. David Chen  
Mr. John B. Clark  
Mr. John Day  
Mr. Greg Edwards  
Mr. Rex K. Linder  
Ms. Suzanne Love Smith  
Mr. Peter W. Wong
- (00-589) AUDIT REPORT NUMBER 63 Regarding RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT of MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS by the City of Peoria for 1994. (On file in the City Clerk's Office.

**(00-590)      Communication from Workforce Development Director Regarding COUNCIL  
\*\*              UPDATE on WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

**(00-591)      Communication from Corporation Counsel Regarding REPORT on BILLS  
SUBMITTED to PAAG for Payment.**

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

Council Member Nichting requested that Item No. 00-584 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Sandberg requested that Item No. 00-590 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 00-580 through 00-591 (excluding Item Nos. 00-584 and 00-590 which were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**(00-584)      Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with  
\*              ORDINANCE Approving the PRIVATE STREET, PRIVATE STREET NAME and  
PRIVATE STREET MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT for “TRAJEN WAY”.**

Council Member Nichting distributed a copy of a new map to all members of the City Council.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Wayne Anthony explained the proposed changes and said the developer was in agreement with the changes. He added the changes would allow this lot to have both left and right turn movements in and out from Knoxville.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance approving the Private Street, Private Street Name and Private Street Maintenance Agreement for “Trajen Way”, with an amended map showing the new alignment, as shown on the new map, and the necessary legal description changes for the Ordinance and the Maintenance Agreement; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

ORDINANCE NO. 14,969 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**(00-590)      Communication from Workforce Development Director Regarding COUNCIL  
\*\*              UPDATE on WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

Council Member Sandberg referred to the last report on Workforce Development prior to this current report, and he expressed concern that it had not been reported to the Council in this report, nor the one prior, that there had been a significant layoff of personnel.

Director of Workforce Development Bashir Ali explained a report back had been requested by a Council Member on that particular subject, and the information would be provided to the Council at the next Council Meeting.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern this information had not been conveyed to the Council by Staff.

Mr. Ali indicated twelve or thirteen had been laid off out of a Staff of thirty. He said at the time of the last report, the lay-off information was in the process of being finalized, and they were unsure as to the total impact of the situation. He said a response to the specific report back request regarding the layoffs was being generated and would come before the Council at the next meeting.

Council Member Sandberg also expressed concern that Workforce Development had moved into a large space in the Technology Center, and he questioned the need, if there had been a reduction of Staff.

Mr. Ali explained the City of Peoria was one of twelve partners and he said the purpose of the legislation was for a one-stop career center. He added the City of Peoria was the lead entity in that they had received a grant and the lease for the space being rented was under the City. He discussed the reduction of the revenue streams, which caused the reduction of Staff. He said the inflation in the number of Staff members was related to the receipt of two grants from the Federal government, and the grants ended a year early. He added the number of Staff members had returned to the number that was consistent with the number three years ago under the other grant structure.

Mr. Ali further explained the space leased was designed for a partnership of organizations who, by law, had to operate in a one-stop career center. He said there would be twelve organizations, but at the present time there was a lease pending with a State agency and several other agencies in the process of finalizing their staffing commitments.

Council Member Sandberg moved to receive and file the Council Update on Workforce Development; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Council Member Thetford also expressed concern that the information regarding the layoffs was not provided to the Council. She reiterated that the report should include an explanation regarding the total number of staff laid off, what those staff people were responsible for, why the reduction occurred, and what other opportunities were provided to the staff that were laid off.

Council Member Spears requested that the report back also include the amount paid for monthly rent for the space in the Technology Center, and the number of square feet leased.

Motion to receive and file the Council Update on Workforce Development was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**(00-592) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending the BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2000 of the City of Peoria Relating to FIRE STATION #19 RELOCATION and FROSTWOOD PARKWAY ROAD EXTENSION.**

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2000 of the City of Peoria relating to Fire Station #19 relocation and Frostwood Parkway Road Extension; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

ORDINANCE NO. 14,970 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**(00-593) BIDS for FIRE STATION #19 CONSTRUCTION, Recommending the Low Bid of BECKER CONSTRUCTION, in the Amount of \$849,000.00.**

Council Member Nichting moved to accept the low bid of Becker construction, in the amount of \$849,000.00 for Fire Station #19 construction; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**(00-594) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending the BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2000 of the City of Peoria Relating to CDBG ENTITLEMENT INCREASE, WORKMEN’S COMP INCREASE, SUPPORT TO OTHER AGENCIES-EQUIPMENT, and STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT.**

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for fiscal year 2000 of the City of Peoria relating to CDBG Entitlement Increase, Workmen’s Comp Increase, support to other agencies – equipment, and State Historic Preservation Grant; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

ORDINANCE NO. 14,971 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**(00-595) SITE APPROVAL for a CLASS “A”, SUBCLASS #1A, SUBCLASS #2, LIQUOR LICENSE for SKY’S PLACE, 3300 W. WILLOW KNOLLS ROAD, with Recommendation of the Liquor Commission to DENY.**

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, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**(00-596) CITY MANAGER REPORT to CITY COUNCIL.**

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

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(00-574) \*\*\* Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Granting a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-3 District (Single Family Residential) for a RESIDENTIAL CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT for Property Located at Lot 247 of LEXINGTON HILLS SUBDIVISION, with Conditions.**

Council Member Spears moved to defer this item until the August 15, 2000, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Motion to defer this item until the August 15, 2000, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

Clerk's Note: See additional discussion on Page 24830.

### NEW BUSINESS

**(00-597) CONSIDERATION of a MOTION to CANCEL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULED for AUGUST 1 AND AUGUST 8, 2000.**

Council Member Nichting moved to cancel the City Council Meetings scheduled for August 1 and August 8, 2000; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Discussion was held regarding whether there was any business that would need to be handled prior to the August 15, 2000, Council Meeting. Several requests were made regarding business items that needed attention. It was determined that several motions could be made at this meeting to handle those items. It was also indicated that a meeting would be held on August 29, 2000, which was a fifth Tuesday and meetings on the fifth Tuesdays of each month were sometimes canceled.

Motion to cancel the City Council Meetings scheduled for August 1 and August 8, 2000, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Nichting, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 7;

Nays: Duncan, Sandberg - 2.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**(99-812) REQUEST to REMOVE FROM THE TABLE the Issue of the PEORIA HEIGHTS & WESTERN RAILROAD (Keller Branch): RIGHT-OF-WAY AND/OR TRAIL.**

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle stated that since the next two Council Meetings were canceled, he requested this item be removed from the Table and placed on the August 15, 2000, City Council Agenda.

Council Member Nichting moved to remove Item No. 99-812 regarding the Peoria Heights & Western Railroad (Keller Branch): Right-of-Way and/or Trail from the Table, and place this item on the August 15, 2000, City Council Agenda; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**(00-503) APPLICATION for CLASS "H" TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for the PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA on August 10, 2000.**

City Clerk Mary Haynes said that an application for a Class "H" Temporary Outdoor Liquor License for the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria had been received for August 10<sup>th</sup>, and would need Council approval before that date.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray indicated that the Council could make a motion to approve, pending the Police Department's approval.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the application for Class "H" Temporary Outdoor Liquor License for the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria for August 10, 2000, pending approval by the Peoria Police Department; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE ANNUAL MAYOR'S RIB BIB COOK-OFF  
SCHEDULED FOR JULY 28, 2000**

Mayor Grieves reminded the public that the annual Mayor's Rib Bib Cook-Off would be held on the Riverfront July 28, 2000. He added that many of the Council Members would be participating in the dunk tank to raise money for St. Jude's Midwest Affiliate.

**(00-574) COMMENTS by ATTORNEY Representing LEXINGTON HILLS  
\*\*\* HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Regarding a Residential Cluster Development at  
Lot 247 of Lexington Hills Subdivision.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Attorney Matt Jones.

Mr. Matt Jones, Attorney representing the Lexington Hills Homeowners Association, spoke in support of the deferral granted by the Council. He indicated there were parking issues, density problems, and set back issues that needed further work. He said the deferral would allow the group time to continue working with Mr. Becker. He said it was their mission to invite the new residents into the association and be consistent with the surrounding community.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

**(00-598) REQUEST from CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON VARIOUS  
ISSUES.**

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

Mr. Willie D. White, 915 W. McBean, thanked the City for providing a beautiful greenway for their area. He discussed various concerns he had in the neighborhood about trees, shrubs, weeds and litter. He expressed concern regarding vacant lots that were not kept mowed, and shrubs and trees that were not kept trimmed to increase safety in alleys in the area of MacArthur. He said he knew the City had a weed and litter Ordinance and he asked that the City enforce that Ordinance. He questioned if the City had a tree and shrub Ordinance and, if they did not, he suggested that one be drafted and adopted by the Council. He also expressed concern that the low shrubbery and trees would become a fire hazard as the summer progressed.

Mr. Harry Coons, Perry Street, discussed weeds that need mowing, free parking on the Riverfront, Peoria schools, and urged the Council to help the poor.

Mr. John Dill, 1906 N. Ashley Court, discussed his work in community service over the years, and expressed concern because he felt the Police harassed people on the southside.

Mr. John White, 1309 E. Elmhurst, distributed a sheet showing an example of window stickers and wrist bands regarding a uniform crime code and an identification system for law breakers. He proposed the stickers would be color coded to identify which crimes a person had committed, and he further proposed this information could eventually appear on drivers licenses and social security cards.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**(00-599) Consideration of a Motion for the City Council to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 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 Turner moved that the Council go into an Executive Session to discuss 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 Nichting.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

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