

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, September 5, 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, Grayeb (arrived at 6:50 P.M.), Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 11; Absent: None.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**WORD OF THE WEEK “PUNCTUAL”****PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

PROCLAMATION: COMMON PLACE WEEK – September 3 – 9, 2000

PROCLAMATION: COMMUNITY WORKSHOP & TRAINING CENTER MONTH –  
September, 2000

**MINUTES**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Executive Sessions held on August 22 and August 29, 2000 and the Regular City Council Meeting held on August 29, 2000, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Thetford requested a clarification on Page 24861, the first paragraph should read “Council Member Thetford requested a report be generated on the number of traffic tickets written and she suggested implementing a policy requiring officers to record the race and sex of individuals stopped for traffic violations. Chief Stenson indicated that current traffic tickets already had an area designating race and this information had been captured for over five years. He added this issue had been addressed by a General Order, plus training, and he felt all national recommendations were in place. Chief Stenson said he would comply, but there were a number of factors to be considered when the report was reviewed”.

Council Member Nichting agreed to include the amendment in his motion.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Executive Sessions held on August 22 and August 29, 2000 and the Regular City Council Meeting held on August 29, 2000, as printed, with a clarification on Page 24861, the first paragraph should read “Council Member Thetford requested a report be generated on the number of traffic tickets written and she suggested implementing a policy requiring officers to record the race and sex of individuals stopped for traffic violations. Chief Stenson indicated that current traffic tickets already had an area designating race and this information had been captured for over five years. He added this issue had been addressed by a General Order, plus training, and he felt all national recommendations were in place. Chief Stenson said he would comply, but there were a number of factors to be considered when the report was reviewed.” was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS****(00-674)      PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the ANNEXATION PETITION and  
ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for Property Located in the Vicinity of 2300 W.  
HICKORY GROVE ROAD.**

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the Annexation Petition and Annexation Agreement for property located in the vicinity of 2300 W. Hickory Grove Road; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

Following the third call for citizens to comment and after Mayor Grieves determined that no one wished to address the Council, Council Member Nichting moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:30 P.M.

**(00-675)      PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the ANNEXATION PETITION and  
ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for Property Located at 9017 N. ALLEN ROAD.**

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the Annexation Petition and Annexation Agreement for property located at 9017 N. Allen Road; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

Following the third call for citizens to comment and after Mayor Grieves determined that no one wished to address the Council, Council Member Nichting moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:32 P.M.

- (00-676) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with RESOLUTION Approving the ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for Certain Property Located to the WEST of ALLEN ROAD and to the SOUTH of TOWNLINE ROAD, with an Approximate Address of 9017 N. ALLEN ROAD, all Located within One and One-Half Miles of the City of Peoria, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute a WAIVER/EXTENSION AGREEMENT.**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Resolution approving the Annexation Agreement for certain property located to the West of Allen Road and to the South of Townline Road, with an approximate address of 9017 N. Allen Road, located within one and one-half miles of the City of Peoria, and authorize the City Manager to execute a Waiver/Extension Agreement; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Wayne Anthony explained there were several conditions within the Annexation Agreement that required completion prior to the property being annexed and as soon as the conditions were met, he said he would be bringing the Annexation and rezoning Ordinances before the Council for their consideration.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 00-676 approving the Annexation Agreement for certain property located to the West of Allen Road and to the South of Townline Road, with an approximate address of 9017 N. Allen Road, located within one and one-half miles of the City of Peoria, and authorize the City Manager to execute a Waiver/Extension Agreement was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:**

- (00-677) PAYMENT ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: WEST LAWNDALE AVENUE (Sheridan to North) ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (Installing City of Peoria standard ornamental street lighting system, along with all necessary adjustments, incidentals and appurtenances.) OBERLANDER ELECTRIC – PAY ESTIMATE #1: \$18,973.08; NORTH MAPLEWOOD AVENUE (Main to Bradley) ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (Installing City of Peoria standard ornamental street lighting system, along with all necessary adjustments, incidentals and appurtenances.) LASER ELECTRIC, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #1: \$30,286.80; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$49,259.88. (For Information Only)**
- (00-678) PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: R. B. GARRETT AVENUE WIDENING IMPROVEMENT (Richard Allen Drive to William Kumpf Blvd.) (Widening existing pavement on Garret Ave. 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; modify existing traffic signals for new intersection width; and Landscaping parkway with trees and sod.) – R. A. CULLINAN & SON, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #2: \$115,008.27; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$115,008.27.**
- (00-679) Communication from Information Systems Director and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Approval of a PURCHASE of COMPUTERS and RELATED EQUIPMENT, in the Amount of \$32,617.00.**

- (00-680)      **Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Concurrence in the Award of the Low Bid to FREESEN, INC., in the amount of \$357,834.00, by the Developer, for the Improvements of KNOXVILLE PLACE, with MFT Resolution, in the Amount of \$20,000.00, for the City's Portion.**
- (00-681)      **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending  
\*              the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2000 of the City of Peoria Relating to DESIGNATED  
                ZONE ORGANIZATION (DZO) FUND DONATIONS.**
- (00-682)      **SITE APPROVAL for a CLASS "D" LIQUOR LICENSE for 300 W. ROMEO B. GARRET AVENUE for CENTRAL ILLINOIS HOTEL GROUP (STAYBRIDGE SUITES HOTEL), with Recommendation of the Liquor Commission to Approve.**
- (00-683)      **APPLICATION for a CLASS "H" TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for PEORIA PARK DISTRICT at the LUTHY BOTANICAL GARDENS on SEPTEMBER 29, 2000.**

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT BACKS AS FOLLOW:**

- (00-096)      **Communication from Corporation Counsel with REPORT BACK Regarding the  
\*\*              ASSESSMENT of HEARING OFFICER PROCESS.**

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

On behalf of Mayor Grieves, Council Member Duncan requested that Item No. 00-681 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Gibson requested that Item No. 00-096 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 00-677 through 00-683 (excluding Item Nos. 00-681 and 00-096 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, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 10;

Nays:    None.

- (00-681)      **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending  
\*              the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2000 of the City of Peoria Relating to DESIGNATED  
                ZONE ORGANIZATION (DZO) FUND DONATIONS.**

Mayor Grieves stated he would abstain from the vote due to his business interests on the Riverfront.

Council Member Duncan moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for fiscal year 2000 of the City of Peoria relating to Designated Zone Organization (DZO) fund donations; seconded by Council Member Morris.

ORDINANCE NO. 14,992 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas:    Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Thetford – 9;

Nays:    None;

Abstention: Mayor Grieves - 1.

**(00-096)            Communication from Corporation Counsel with REPORT BACK Regarding the  
\*\*                   ASSESSMENT of HEARING OFFICER PROCESS.**

Council Member Gibson indicated she was concerned that the Hearing Officer Process was not fulfilling the mission that was intended when the process was instituted. She said she hoped by the next quarterly report that the Council could set time aside to discuss and evaluate the program. She requested that Staff and one or both of the Hearing Officers be present at that time so they could make their comments about the program.

Council Member Gibson moved to receive and file the report back regarding the assessment of the Hearing Officer Process; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Council Member Thetford stated she felt this report back should have included input from the Housing Commission. She suggested when Council discussion was held that members of the Housing Commission be present.

Motion to receive and file the report back regarding the assessment of the Hearing Officer Process was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-684)            Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of  
the SPRING GROVE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT for PHASE I with the  
SPRING GROVE CONSTRUCTION LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.**

Council Member Duncan moved to approve the Spring Grove Redevelopment Agreement for Phase I with the Spring Grove Construction Limited Partnership; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-685)            Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with  
RESOLUTION Approving the PRELIMINARY PLAT of KNOXVILLE COURT,  
An Office Subdivision Located North of Victoria Villas, and West of Knoxville  
Avenue, with Conditions.**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat of Knoxville Court, an office subdivision located North of Victoria Villas, and West of Knoxville Avenue, with conditions; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

RESOLUTION NO. 00-685 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (00-686)      **Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 14,140, an EXISTING SPECIAL USE in a Class R-1 District (Single Family Residential) and Class R-2 District (Single Family Residential) for a SKILLED NURSING FACILITY to Include a BUILDING ADDITION and PARKING LOT ADDITION for Property Located at 5600 GLEN ELM DRIVE, with Conditions.**

Council Member Nichting moved to defer this item for two weeks until the September 19, 2000, City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Motion to defer this item until September 19, 2000, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays:    None.

- (00-687)      **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2000 of the City of Peoria Relating to STATE WATER SHED GRANT, POLICE TECH GRANT III, AND G.I.S. REIMBURSEMENTS.**

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for fiscal year 2000 of the City of Peoria relating to State Water Shed Grant, Police Tech Grant III, and G.I.S. reimbursements; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 14,993 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays:    None.

- (00-688)      **CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS Regarding the DOWNTOWN BASEBALL STADIUM, as Follows:**

- A.      **Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of the DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and PEORIA COMMUNITY BASEBALL CLUB, L.L.C. on a Site Generally Bounded by ADAMS AVENUE, JEFFERSON AVENUE, OAK STREET, AND WALNUT STREET.**

Council Member Nichting stated he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the proposed site.

Director of Economic Development David Dobson distributed a revised redevelopment agreement to all members of the City Council. He said the revisions were primarily procedural, with the exception of the recalculation of the City's costs. He discussed the project and gave details as outlined of the terms and conditions in the revised redevelopment agreement.

Mr. Dobson discussed the City's maximum investment cap of \$3.5 million and the financing plan recently approved by Council. He said the development would include a 7,500 seat minor league baseball stadium and related facilities, and redeveloper's costs for the project would be approximately \$15.8 million. He said the City would be responsible for acquisition for the entire site using eminent domain, if necessary. He added conveyance of the site would take place no earlier than March 1, 2001, and an executed agreement with Caterpillar, Inc. for joint City/Caterpillar surface parking lot at Kumpf Boulevard must be negotiated and executed prior to the conveyance of the stadium site. He said this was a key element.

Mr. Dobson said preliminary and final construction plans, and any changes, must be approved by the City, and the City shall commence construction of public improvements simultaneously with the stadium's construction, and completion should be on or before the date the facility was to open. He said zoning of the stadium site must be altered to permit the development of a stadium at that site, the City would be required to vacate right-of-ways contained in the site, and City-owned and shared parking lots were to be made available to the stadium operator at no cost on all week-day nights, holidays, holiday nights, weekend days and weekend nights the stadium was open to public events. He added City-owned and shared parking lots were to be maintained by the City and/or Caterpillar, and parking revenues were to be garnished by the stadium operator and would remain their property. He further discussed the financing and that a single "A" or higher minor league team must play all of their home games at the stadium in order for the redeveloper to receive benefits in the agreement. He also discussed the requirements of the Special Service Area Agreement.

Mr. Dobson said these were some of the highlights of the agreement and he pointed out there were several areas that the entire project was contingent upon, and if one or all of these things were not to take place, alterations to the agreement would have to be made. He said these components included \$1.7 million in financing derived from motor fuel tax receipts which must be found to be eligible expenditures; interest accrued on the surplus capital development fund proposed to be used for the project must be authorized by the Capital Development Board; a shared parking agreement must be developed between the City and Caterpillar and both parties must execute the agreement; Jefferson Avenue must be reconstructed and the old right-of-way must be vacated and improvements removed; an alternative parking scenario may require an agreement with Morning Star Baptist Church; and a resolution of historic preservation issues, proposed financing resources, and replacement parking agreements with Caterpillar must be resolved. He also pointed out that timing issues were extremely important.

Mr. Dobson further discussed the recalculations of the City's portion of the financing, and referred to Schedule 4A. He said through obtaining a Special Service Area Agreement, City dedicated costs would be reduced to \$2,725,000, because \$775,000 would come from the Special Service Area.

Council Member Grayeb arrived at 6:50 P.M.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg regarding Section 5.8 and concerns about sufficient parking, Mr. Dobson indicated this would limit the City's requirement to provide additional parking beyond what was provided in the two parking lots. Mr. Dobson added, responding to an additional question, that details in relation to any buildings that would be preserved in the 500 Block of Adams would need to be worked out. He said there was yet to be an agreement worked out with Caterpillar, which was a key element.

Attorney Jack Teplitz added there was a limit on the number of spaces in the 500 Block of Adams that would be provided in shared parking. He said the maximum number of spaces on that block was 250 spaces, which left room for planning.

Mr. Dobson further stated it had been indicated that 250 spaces would be short of what Caterpillar had anticipated for that lot. He said there may be considerations of a parking deck in that area.

Following a brief discussion, Council Member Duncan moved to approve the revised Downtown Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Peoria and Peoria Community Baseball Club, L.L.C., for a site generally bounded by Adams Avenue, Jefferson Avenue, Oak Street and Walnut Street; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

**B. Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of the DOWNTOWN STADIUM SPECIAL SERVICE AREA AGREEMENT, and Authorization for Staff to Implement the Agreement.**

Council Member Nichting stated he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the proposed site.

Director of Economic Development David Dobson distributed a revised Downtown Stadium Special Service Area Agreement to all members of the City Council. He said the revisions were primarily technical.

Council Member Duncan moved to approve the revised Downtown Stadium Special Service Area Agreement and authorize Staff to implement the agreement; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

**C. Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval for City Staff to Take the Necessary Actions to IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS of the REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT for the CONSTRUCTION of a NEW DOWNTOWN BASEBALL STADIUM.**

Council Member Nichting stated he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the proposed site.

Council Member Duncan moved to approve Staff taking the necessary actions to implement the requirements of the Redevelopment Agreement for the construction of a new Downtown Baseball Stadium; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

**(00-689) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with TWO ORDINANCES Amending the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2000 of the City of Peoria Relating to the DOWNTOWN BASEBALL STADIUM.**

Council Member Nichting stated he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the proposed site.

Council Member Thetford stated she could not support the proposed Ordinances because she did not support funding coming from funds to improve older neighborhoods.

Council Member Morris moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for fiscal year 2000 of the City of Peoria relating to the Downtown Baseball Stadium regarding funds other than Riverfront; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 14,994 amending the Budget for fiscal year 2000 of the City of Peoria relating to the Downtown Baseball Stadium regarding funds other than Riverfront was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: Thetford - 1;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

Mayor Grieves stated he would abstain from the vote regarding Riverfront funds due to his business interests on the Riverfront.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for fiscal year 2000 of the City of Peoria relating to the Downtown Baseball Stadium regarding Riverfront funds; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 14,995 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Sandberg, Spears, Turner – 8;

Nays: Mayor Pro Tem Thetford - 1;

Abstention: Nichting, Mayor Grieves - 2.

**(00-690) Communication from Director of Economic Development with RESOLUTION Establishing a PUBLIC HEARING for OCTOBER 24, 2000, at 6:15 P.M. Relating to the ADOPTION of a TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN for the DOWNTOWN STADIUM REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.**

Council Member Nichting stated he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the proposed site.

Council Member Turner moved to approve the Resolution establishing a Public Hearing for October 24, 2000, at 6:15 P.M. relating to the adoption of a Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Stadium Redevelopment Project Area.; seconded by Council Member Gibson.

Council Member Spears moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Richard Lacey; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Richard Lacey.

Mr. Richard Lacey, 2209 Lehman, stated he felt the vast majority of Peoria citizens did not support the construction of a downtown baseball stadium. He said he felt the project should be totally funded privately, with no assistance from taxpayers. He mentioned several other ways he felt the money should be spent. He said he felt there would be insufficient attendance at a downtown stadium and he did not support the risk of any public funding. He urged the Council to vote against the downtown stadium project.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 00-690 establishing a Public Hearing for October 24, 2000, at 6:15 P.M. relating to the adoption of a Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown Stadium Redevelopment Project Area was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

**(00-691) Communication from Director of Economic Development Regarding the TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN – DOWNTOWN STADIUM. (For Information Only)**

Council Member Nichting stated he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the proposed site.

Director of Economic Development David Dobson distributed a revised exhibit regarding estimated redevelopment project costs to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the communication regarding the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan for the Downtown Stadium; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

Mayor Grieves commended Mr. Pete Vonachen and Mr. Rocky Vonachen for their efforts in bringing the Baseball Stadium Project forward. He recognized and thanked the participation of the Riverfront Development Commission, along with former Chairman Jim Baldwin, Executive Director of Riverfront Development Tom Tincher and Director of Economic Development David Dobson, and his staff.

Mr. Pete Vonachen thanked the City Council, his son Rocky Vonachen, City Manager Michael McKnight, Director of Economic Development David Dobson, Attorney Jack Teplitz, Attorney John Elias and the support of baseball fans and investors.

**(00-692) 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 Nichting.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,  
Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(00-547) A. Communication from Director of Workforce Development with REPORT BACK Regarding STAFF REDUCTIONS in the Workforce Development Department.**

**B. Communication from Director of Workforce Development with REPORT BACK Regarding SPACE for ONE-STOP CENTER.**

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Director of Workforce Development Bashir Ali explained the funding issue and funding projections of \$2 million. He discussed the challenge of including the guidelines of the Workforce Investment Act. He also stated the purpose of the facility was not to house just one organization. He said there was one entity sharing their facility, with negotiations underway for another organization to join them in the near future.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern regarding the large amount of space used by the Workforce Development operation, and the costs involved.

Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Sandy Muldivan.

Mr. Sandy Moldovan, Vice-Chairman of the Workforce Development Board, stated this situation was not simplistic. He explained when JTPA/PIC was in operation a number of years, Mr. Ali's group acted independently and brought people in on a voluntary basis. He said the people under Mr. Ali's charge worked directly for the Workforce Board. He explained the changes in that the Board had been mandated by law to bring forth partners under the Workforce Investment Act. He said this had to be accomplished in order to continue receiving Workforce Development funding. He said when this was enacted, the City wanted this program to be front and center and this was the reason the program was moved to the Technology Center. He said there were twelve separate agencies with twelve separate boards, with some being very large boards. He further explained the Workforce Investment Act came on very quickly and they had tried to respond to it. He added the Workforce Development Board consisted of 39 people from all parts of the community. He said it was not the responsibility of the Staff to bring these partners into the One Stop Center, but it was the responsibility of the Board. He said the Board, in the past six months, had been meeting and working intensely with these groups, and spending hundreds of hours to come up with these memorandums of understanding. He explained the difficulty of this task. He said each of the twelve partners had a separate memorandum of understanding that had to be negotiated, and there was no way to make this a speedy system. He said the ultimate goal was to have a facility that would enough space so each of the twelve entities could be represented. He said he hoped to have agreements for all by the end of this next year, but progress was slow and the Board was working to bring this together as quickly as they could because of their belief in the concept.

Council Member Thetford expressed concern that the Council was not made aware of the reduction in the Staff that had occurred. She requested that in the future, the Council be made aware of these kinds of changes.

Mr. Ali invited the City Council to attend Workforce Development's Annual Meeting which would be held on October 17, 2000, to hear the Secretary of Labor address those attending.

Council Member Nichting moved to receive and file the report back regarding Staff reductions in the Workforce Development Department and the report back regarding space for the One-Stop Center; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,  
Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

**(00-451) REQUEST to REMOVE from the TABLE the ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at OAK POINTE SUBDIVISION LOTS 4-10 from the Present Class A-1 District (Agriculture) and RE District (Residential Estate) to a Class R-1 District (Single Family Residential).**

Council Member Nichting moved to remove Item No. 00-451 from the Table regarding the Ordinance rezoning property located at Oak Pointe Subdivision Lots 4-10 from the present Class A-1 District (Agriculture) and RE District (Residential Estate) to a Class R-1 District (Single Family Residential), and place this item on the City Council Agenda for the September 12, 2000, Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to remove Item No. 00-451 from the Table and place it on the September 12, 2000, Council Agenda was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,  
Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

- (00-452) **REQUEST to REMOVE from the TABLE the RESOLUTION Approving the PRELIMINARY PLAT of OAK POINTE SUBDIVISION, a Residential Subdivision Located at 9315 N. FRYE ROAD, the Subject Property is Located to the East of Knoxville Avenue and to the South of Illinois Route 6, at the end of Frye Road.**

Council Member Nichting moved to remove Item No.00-452 from the Table regarding the Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat of Oak Pointe Subdivision, a Residential Subdivision located at 9315 N. Frye Road, the subject property is located to the East of Knoxville Avenue and to the South of Illinois Route 6, at the end of Frye Road, and place this item on the City Council Agenda for the September 12, 2000, Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to remove Item No. 00-452 from the Table and place it on the September 12, 2000, Council Agenda was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

#### **CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

- (00-693) **REQUEST from CITIZENS to Address the CITY COUNCIL Regarding VARIOUS ISSUES.**

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

Mr. Randall Emert, 3027 W. Antoinette, referred to his request two months ago for stop signs at the corner of W. Antoinette Street and S. Folkers Street to discourage excessive speeding on nearby streets. He questioned when the speed limit signs and stop signs would be installed. He expressed concern that he had been unable to obtain any information about the status of the signs.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle said he had signed the permit for the speed limit signs and they would be installed soon. He said he did not know the status of the stop signs, but he would check and call Mr. Emert to give him the information.

Ms. Monica Jones thanked Council Member Duncan and Council Member Grayeb for their assistance regarding neighborhood concerns about Crusens. She expressed a special thanks to Council Member Turner for his support of older neighborhoods and the residents in the area of Crusens.

Ms. Colleen Dries, Teacher of Peoria Adult Education Center, discussed the Workforce Investment Council and the laws that were federally mandated. She discussed the importance of cities receiving State and Federal money for workforce programs and their budgets. She also urged volunteerism in literacy programs.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- (00-694) **Consideration of a Motion for the City Council to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(1), The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 2(c)(6), The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, 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; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.**

Council Member Nichting moved that the Council go into an Executive Session to discuss 2(c)(1), The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 2(c)(6), The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; 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; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,  
Mayor Grieves – 11;

Nays: None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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