

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, October 3, 2000, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:17 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, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 10; Absent: Spears – 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

PROCLAMATION: MEMORY WALK SUNDAY – October 8, 2000

PROCLAMATION: UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD WEEK –
October 6-14, 2000

PROCLAMATION: HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH – October 2000

WELCOME TO SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Mayor Grieves welcomed Sign Language Interpreter Virginia White as a regular to the City Council meetings.

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Budget Retreat held on September 23, 2000, and the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Executive Session held on September 26, 2000, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(00-730) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding ANNEXATION of 3825 W. CHARTER OAK ROAD.

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the annexation of 3825 W. Charter Oak Road; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:35 P.M.

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

Ms. Sandra Birdsall said she was speaking on behalf of the Petitioner for the annexation. She said the property located at 3825 W. Charter Oak Road had previously been before the Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission. She said the ultimate plan for the property was for a Senior Housing complex. She said the project had received a great deal of community support and urged Council's consideration when it comes before them in two weeks.

Following Mayor Grieves' third call and determining that no one else wished to address this issue, Council Member Nichting moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:40 P.M.

REQUEST TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM

Council Member Thetford moved that Unfinished Business Item No. 00-711, the communication regarding the Report Back on the Glen Oak School Area, be moved forward on the Agenda to be discussed at this time; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Motion to move Item No. 00-711 forward on the Agenda was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Nichting, Thetford, – 5.

Nays: Ardis, Morris, Sandberg, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 5.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:

- (00-731) **PURCHASE OF RELOAD AMMUNITION with Recommendation to Approve a Two-Year Contract with ULTRAMAX AMMUNITION, in the Amount of \$22,790.00.**
- (00-732) **PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: MACARTHUR/ R.B. GARRETT OFF-RAMP AND 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 Dr. & Saratoga Street, widening & constructing new 10" p.c.c. pavement on R.B. Garrett Avenue connecting Saratoga to Fourth, constructing new 10" p.c.c. drive & sidewalks, along with new storm sewers and replacing street lighting system.) OTTO BAUM COMPANY, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE #9 - \$37,656.71; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$37,656.71. (For Information Only)**
- 00-733) **Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE No. 15,011 Approving the FINAL PLAT of ANCIENT OAKS SUBDIVISION, Located to the West of Charter Oak Village Section 6 and to the East of Koerner/Trigger Road.**
- (00-734) **CBD STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT - 710 N.E. JEFFERSON AVENUE, in the Amount of \$85,547.40.**

- (00-735) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Lowell G. Grieves to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:**

Mr. Russell T. Langford

- (00-736) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Lowell G. Grieves to the RIVERFRONT BUSINESS DISTRICT COMMISSION:**
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Mr. James F. Vergon

- (00-737) Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.**

- (00-738) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management Regarding INFORMATION RELATING TO THE UNITED STATES CENSUS (For Information Only).**

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. 00-736 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 00-731 through 00-738 (excluding Item No. 00-736 which was removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (00-736) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Lowell G. Grieves to the RIVERFRONT BUSINESS DISTRICT COMMISSION:**
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Mr. James F. Vergon

Council Member Sandberg stated he would not be supporting this recommendation because he felt this position should be filled by someone from within the Riverfront Business Commission or someone with previous Riverfront Business District experience.

Council Member Morris moved to approve the appointment of Mr. James F. Vergon to the Riverfront Business District Commission; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;

Nays: Sandberg – 1.

- (00-739) Communication from Director of Economic Development with Recommendation of the Administration and Loan Review Committee to Approve a BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND LOAN TO WORLDWIDE PENS DIRECT, INC., in the Amount of \$60,000, and Authorize Execution of the Necessary Documents.**

Director of Economic Development Dave Dobson distributed additional information regarding the City of Peoria Business Development Fund (BDF) Loan Program to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Nichting moved to concur with the recommendation of the Administration and Loan Review Committee to approve a Business Development Fund Loan to Worldwide Pens Direct, Inc., in the amount of \$60,000, and to authorize execution of the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Thetford, Turner,

Mayor Grieves – 10;

Nays: None.

(00-740) A. Communication from Director of Economic Development Regarding DISCUSSION PAPER on IMPACT of PROPOSED DESIGNATION as HISTORIC DISTRICT 511-527 and 701-705 S.W. ADAMS STREET (For Discussion Only);

A letter addressed to Mr. George Pasquel from Mr. Kenneth Balagna, secretary/treasurer of Balagna House Moving, Inc., regarding this item was distributed to all members of the Council.

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

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

Mr. James Bateman, Vice-Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, gave a brief summary describing the origin and the unique architectural structures built on the commercial center at the property located at 511-527 and 701-705 S.W. Adams Street. He said the Historic Preservation Commission did not wish to stop or delay construction of the baseball stadium and parking lot projects. He said they were proposing that these buildings be saved if possible. He pointed out a number of questions and possible solutions which he said needed to be considered. He suggested the buildings should be preserved until it was known for certain they needed to be demolished. He described three options that the Council might consider.

Mr. Leslie Kenyon, gave a slide presentation describing architectural details of the structures and their possible historic value. He then read a letter from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in Springfield, Illinois, stating the properties at 511-513 S.W. Adams and 521 S.W. Adams were good candidates for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Dan Schmidt, said Peoria had lost a number of buildings which were listed as “endangered buildings” and urged the Council to support the preservation of the proposed designated historic districts. He said the redevelopment of these districts could have a valuable economic impact on the City.

Ms. Rose Pasquel, a resident of the 5th District, stated her comments would be restricted to the property at 701 S.W. Adams, which was owned by her husband. Ms. Pasquel said initial plans for the construction of the ballpark did not include her property, but the plans had changed about six months ago, and now showed the building was in the midst of the proposed ballpark. Ms. Pasquel stated the building was a pre-Civil war structure and had architectural value. She said the building was movable and this option should be acceptable.

Mr. Keith Carrigan, 821 Cooper, said the combination of the baseball stadium project and the redevelopment of the proposed designated historic properties would add to the progressive environment along the Riverfront.

Mayor Grieves stated the Council had a commitment to the stadium investors and to Caterpillar, and expressed concern there might not be enough time to research all the available options for saving the buildings located in the designated historic district.

Council Member Duncan moved to receive and file communication from Director of Economic Development regarding Discussion Paper on Impact of Proposed Designation as Historic District 511-527 and 701-705 S.W. Adams Street; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Abstentions: Nichting – 1.

B. Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation to Adopt the following:

1) ORDINANCE Approving the DESIGNATION of the PROPERTY Located at 511-527 S.W. ADAMS STREET as a Local Historic District Pursuant to Chapter 16 of the Peoria City Code;

Council Member Duncan moved to deny the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to adopt the Ordinance designating the property located at 511-527 S.W. Adams Street as a local Historic District; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Sandberg said he would not be supporting the denial of this ordinance, but he said he would support a period of time where the parties involved could work together to arrive at some solutions that would best serve the City's past, present and future. He requested this item be tabled and his recommendation was to allow the parties involved to work out alternative solutions.

Council Member Turner said he was also in favor of preserving our past but not at the expense of our future. He said he had some serious concerns about the historic designation in the 500 and 700 blocks of S.W. Adams which could possibly place the ballpark project in jeopardy. He added it had been made very clear that unless the City developed a satisfactory solution to the Caterpillar parking requirement that was consistent with the September 1999 agreement, there would not be a donation of land for the ballpark. He said he would support the ordinance only if options could be discussed.

Mayor Grieves said the Council would be open to any options to preserve the buildings in question, but time was a key factor.

Council Member Gibson stated she, too, had always been a supporter of historic preservation. She stated this was a very difficult and complex issue and the Council needed to look at some practicalities. She concurred that the list of endangered buildings had been presented to Council previously and had also been published in the Journal Star, and said it was unfortunate that there had been very few private individuals, developers or investors to come forward to salvage these properties. She said some of the buildings were in varying states of disrepair, but there were exceptions. She said in the past she had been involved with moving buildings and this option would be extremely expensive. She questioned what the effect would be of tabling these ordinances, and if this was done, could the City meet its March 1, 2001 deadline.

Director of Economic Development Dave Dobson said it was his understanding there was a moratorium on any alteration in relationship to these buildings for a period of 210 days, or until Council decided the issue. He said tabling this item would prevent any action by the City to clear the buildings from the sites and proceed with the necessary development to carry out the agreement on the ballpark, and satisfy any commitments made to Caterpillar.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Wayne Anthony clarified that once the petition was filed on July 7, 2000, the moratorium on what could be done with the property would last for up to and no more than 210 days, which would be February 2, 2001. He said the moratorium stated the buildings could not be torn down. He added the moratorium would cease when the Council decided the issue, but could be no longer than 210 days. He said if the issue hadn't been decided on day 211, the moratorium ceased.

In discussion with Director of Economic Development David Dobson and Mayor Grieves, it was clarified that the City owned many of the buildings in the 500 and 700 blocks of S.W. Adams Street and would proceed with the demolition of the buildings within thirty to forty-five days, if Council Member Duncan's motion would pass.

Council Member Gibson said the City had an agreement from September 1999, which was still firm and active. She concluded that little interest had surfaced regarding the salvaging of the buildings in the last year and she thought it was unlikely this would happen within the next 30, 60, 90 or 210 days.

Council Member Grayeb suggested that Council insure this site would be delivered on time and honor the recommendation of Council Member Duncan to deny the ordinance, and if a solution would occur, Council could bring forth a motion to reconsider.

In discussion with Corporation Counsel Randy Ray, Council Member Grayeb determined that a Motion to Reconsider would need to be presented at this meeting or next week.

City Manager Mike McKnight expressed concern that if the motion was approved there would be a \$100,000 short fall in the stadium-financing plan.

Mayor Grieves stated if a solution to salvage the buildings on S.W. Adams was to surface within the next 4 weeks, Council had the opportunity to change their minds.

In discussion, Council Member Ardis clarified the funds Staff recommended for the ballpark project was a firm commitment and he said if the motion was defeated, he would ask for a three week deferral at which time developers would be given a deadline for solutions, as opposed to tabling this issue.

Council Member Thetford said she would be supporting Council Member Duncan's motion to deny.

Motion to DENY the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to adopt the Ordinance designating rove the property located at 511-527 S.W. Adams Street as a local Historic District was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Thetford, Duncan, Morris, Gibson, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 7;

Nays: Ardis, Sandberg – 2;

Abstentions: Nichting – 1.

B. Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation to Adopt the following:

2) ORDINANCE Approving the DESIGNATION of the PROPERTY Located at 701-705 S.W. ADAMS STREET as a Local Historic District Pursuant to Chapter 16 of the Peoria City Code.

Council Member Duncan moved to deny the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to adopt the Ordinance designating the property located at 701-705 S.W. Adams Street as a local Historic District; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Sandberg requested that Staff work with the owner of the 701 S.W. Adams property to find alternatives to relocate the building in question to City-owned property in lieu of purchasing.

Motion to DENY the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to adopt the Ordinance designating the property located at 701-705 S.W. Adams Street as a local Historic District was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 7;

Nays: Ardis, Sandberg – 2.

Abstentions: Nichting – 1.

(00-741) Communication from Mayor Lowell G. Grieves with ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria, EXPANDING RIVERFRONT BUSINESS DISTRICT BOUNDARIES and MENDING THE RIVERFRONT BUSINESS DISTRICT COMMISSION'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

Mayor Grieves requested a three-week extension until October 24, 2000 on this item.

Mayor Grieves read a notification from City Manager McKnight stating a Joint Meeting of the Riverfront Business District Commission and the Peoria City Council had been requested by Jim Vergon, Chairman of the Riverfront Business District Commission. He said the meeting had been scheduled tentatively for Thursday, October 12, 2000, but there was a prior commitment made for October 12, 2000, and he would notify the Council regarding a new date.

Mayor Grieves said he requested this deferral with two caveats: 1) The Riverfront Business District Commission needed a focus and direction; 2) The Council needed to commit a focus of the City on the Southern Gateway Project. Mayor Grieves stated he was asked by Roger John and Ray LaHood's office to signify in some way that the City would be committed to be a participant if the PHA were to receive funding for another Hope 6 Project.

On behalf of Mayor Grieves, Council Member Duncan moved to defer this item until the October 24, 2000, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer this item until October 24, 2000, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(00-742) CITY MANAGER REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the City Manager's Report to City Council; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(00-743) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller and Capital Budget Coordinator Regarding 2001-2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Capital Budget Coordinator Jan Little explained the 2001-2005 CIP Process.

Ms. Little stated the implementation of the second year of the 2000-2004 CIP was a major modification to the CIP process. She added the total five-year budget for 2001-2005 was \$86,510,370, with the 2001 capital budget at \$21,084,710. She said the 2001-2005 CIP called for \$4.6 million in debt to be issued to fund capital projects proposed for 2001 and \$2 million dollars for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. She said the majority of the capital bond proceeds pertained to growth, public benefit, and drainage projects and would be supported by the City's utility tax.

Mayor Grieves reminded the Council that the take over of the Water Company would add another \$5 million to \$6 million to the budget without a tax increase. He pointed out this was not in the presentation.

Following some clarification from Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan regarding certain funding listed in the CIP, Council Member Thetford moved to receive and file the CIP and have Staff review the document, make corrections, and bring it back to Council for further discussion; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Nichting suggested the document be remanded back to the Administration.

Council Member Thetford amended her motion to remand the CIP back to Staff for further review and make the necessary corrections.

The seconder of the motion agreed.

Council Member Gibson stated she had some concerns regarding the CIP fundings. She suggested those Council Members who also had questions and concerns should submit them in writing to the City Manager for clarification before bringing it back to Council.

City Manager McKnight said the document was a semi-finished draft. He said Staff needed further direction from Council as to their expectations.

Motion to remand the CIP back to Staff for review and to make the necessary corrections before bringing it back to Council was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(00-711) Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding REPORT BACK - GLEN OAK SCHOOL AREA, with Recommendations as Outlined.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle gave an overview of the report on the traffic safety issues near Glen Oak School and along Wisconsin Avenue between Frye Avenue and McClure Avenue. He described the recommendations made by the Police Department and the Administration.

Council Member Thetford thanked Director Van Winkle and City Staff for their efforts in finding solutions to the traffic problem. She then moved to grant Privilege of the Floor for those wishing to address Council; seconded by Council Member Turner.

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

Ms. Jan Fehr, Principal of Glen Oak Primary School, thanked the Council and the community for their support during this difficult time. She said the school would continue to work on educating the children and parents at Glen Oak School on safety issues.

Ms. Bonnie Walton, 1102 E. Nebraska, submitted Petitions bearing 1,191 signatures supporting three traffic safety measures for the Glen Oak School area. She gave a brief summary of the safety recommendations that were listed on a petition and asked for Council's support in having them approved.

Clerk's Note: Ms. Walton presented the City Clerk with a copy of the Petitions. She said she wanted to give the original Petitions to the School Board.

Council Member Thetford said there were still some safety issues to be addressed along Frye Avenue. She suggested the following recommendations: 1) Close Frye Avenue from 8:00-9:00 A.M. and 3:00-4:00 P.M.; 2) Discuss the need for a crossing guard stationed at Wisconsin and Republic.

Council Member Thetford moved to accept Staff's recommendations outlined on page 4 of the Council communication, and add the following requests: 1) Have the Police Department undertake the "Johnny the Police Car Program at Glen Oak School; 2) Direct City Staff to meet with the School District's Staff to evaluate crossing guard placements at Wisconsin and Republic or appropriate alternate locations around the School; and 3) Make Frye Avenue, near the segment directly by the side of the school, a one-way Westbound street from 8:00-9:00 AM. And from 3:00-4:00 P.M.; seconded by Council Member Gibson.

Council Member Gibson stated she would support the motion as made with a proviso that the Traffic Engineering evaluate, within a three month time period, the effectiveness of the one-way Westbound Street for two hours per day on Frye Avenue during the specified times and also monitor the traffic patterns in the area with a Report Back to the Council.

Council Member Thetford agreed to the friendly amendment.

Mr. Van Winkle stated the issue of one-way traffic on Frye Avenue would not be a unilateral decision. He said concurrence from District #150 would be required in order to implement this action on a daily basis.

Motion to accept Staff's recommendations outlined on page 4 of the Council communication, with the following additional requests: 1) That the Police Department implement the "Johnny the Police Car Program" at Glen Oak School as soon as possible; 2) Direct City Staff to meet with the School District's Staff and evaluate crossing guard placements at Wisconsin and Republic or appropriate alternate locations around the School; 3) Make Frye Avenue, near the segment directly by the side of the school, a one-way Westbound street from 8:00-9:00 AM. And from 3:00-4:00 P.M., with the amendment that Traffic Engineering evaluate, within a three month time period, the effectiveness of the one-way Westbound Street for two hours per day on Frye Avenue during the specified times and also monitor the traffic patterns in the area with a Report Back to the Council, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Grievs – 10;

Nays: None.

(00-714) Communication from Corporation Counsel REQUESTING DEFERRAL Until October 10, 2000, of the SETTLEMENT of the CITY'S DISPUTE WITH THE RIVERFRONT VILLAGE DEVELOPERS Pursuant to the Terms Addressed in the Draft Terms Sheet which Included the PLACEMENT OF A HOOTERS RESTAURANT ADJACENT TO THE EDGEWATER BUILDING, PHASE II DEADLINE EXTENDED, and POSSIBLE PLACEMENT OF A RESTAURANT IN THE N-3 BUILDING with the Final Agreement to be brought forth to the City Council.

Council Member Duncan moved to defer this item for one week until the October 10, 2000 Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Thetford left the Council Chambers.

Motion to defer this item until October 10, 2000 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Thetford left the Council Chambers.

(00-719) Communication from Superintendent of Police Requesting Authorization to Accept the LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (TECH GRANT V) from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance in the Amount of \$366,480.00, with a Match of \$40,720.00.

Council Member Sandberg moved to reconsider Item 00-719, the communication from Police requesting authorization to accept the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (Tech Grant V) from the U.S.

Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$366,480.00, with a match of \$40,720.00, that was unanimously voted upon at the Regular City Council meeting on September 26, 2000; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Council Member Sandberg requested a Report Back from Staff regarding whether monies were available out of the \$366,480 amount to pay for the certification process within the Police Department since this was a Justice Block Grant.

Council Member Nichting requested clarification from Staff that this proposed plan would not jeopardize the grant. He requested that the Report Back include what funds were acceptable and what funds would be used to form the accreditation.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray expressed concern that the grant may have already been processed. He said the approval would not have to be reconsidered in order to get a report back from Staff.

Council Member Nichting suggested withdrawing the motion to reconsider and request a Report Back.

Corporation Counsel Ray said Council could direct Staff to amend the grant application, if possible.

Council Member Morris moved for a substitute motion to direct Staff to amend the grant application, if possible, to pay for the certification process out of the \$366,480 provided by the grant; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Thetford, Mayor Grieves – 8;

Nays: Grayeb, Turner – 2.

COMMENTS REGARDING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS

Council Member Morris commended the Director of Planning and Growth Management and Staff for their excellent report regarding information relating to the United States Census Report. He said the City of Peoria currently ranked sixth in the State with respect to population alone and second with regards to the City's Metropolitan statistical areas.

In discussion with Mayor Grieves and Director of Planning and Growth Management Wayne Anthony, it was determined a Special Census had been conducted and reported to the State and the City was currently collecting the revenues based on the total population of 119,000.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY CLERK MARY HAYNES' ACKNOWLEDGEMENT UNDER THE IML LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Council Member Nichting commended City Clerk Mary Haynes for her acknowledgment under the Illinois Municipal League's Leadership Program administered by the University of Illinois. He said this had been a one-year process, which included involvement with Mayors, Councilmen, Managers, Clerks and Administrators throughout the State.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(00-744) 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)(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 Duncan 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)(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 Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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

