

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, November 21, 2000, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:21 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, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 10; Absent: Gibson - 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

PRESENTATION: SENIOR OLYMPICS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION TO THE CITY

PROCLAMATION: SNUG HUGS FOR KIDS DAY – NOVEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 14, 2000

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK – NOVEMBER 19 – 25, 2000

PROCLAMATION: SANTA CLAUS PARADE AND YULE LIKE PEORIA DAY –
NOVEMBER 24, 2000

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular City Council Meeting held on November 14, 2000, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

**(00-847) NOTICE OF SUIT on Behalf of VARIOUS CITY OF PEORIA EMPLOYEES
Claiming BREACH OF CONTRACT Regarding the Settlement Agreement
Ordered in the Sexual Discrimination Lawsuit.**

**(00-848) PAYMENT ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: R. B.
GARRETT AVENUE WIDENING IMPROVEMENT (Richard Allen Dr. to
William Kumpf Blvd.)(Widening existing pavement on Garrett Avenue to 55'; New
combination concrete curb & gutter, p.c.c. drives and sidewalks; new storm sewers;
Replacing existing street lights with combination ornamental/street lighting system;
Widening intersection approach at Kumpf Blvd. to match existing pavement;
modifying existing traffic signals for new intersection width; and Landscaping
parkway with trees and sod.) R. A. CULLINAN & SON, INC. – PAY ESTIMATE**

#7 - \$139,579.64; 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 #2 & SEMI-FINAL - \$26,355.64; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED: \$165,935.28. (For Information Only)

- (00-849) Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding SUPPORT
* EQUIPMENT QUOTES 2000-2001 SNOW SEASON. (For Information Only)**
- (00-850) Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Author ization
** to Prepare and Submit a PRE-APPLICATION for a BUSINESS INCUBATOR in
 Conjunction with the CITY OF REFUGE WORSHIP CENTER.**
- (00-851) PEORIA CIVIC CENTER BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS and BUDGET for FISCAL
 YEAR Ending August 31, 2001.**
- (00-852) Communication from Mayor Lowell G. Grieves with RESOLUTION NO 00-852
 Authorizing the SUBMISSION of an APPLICATION to the ILLINOIS
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS for GRANT
 FUNDING AVAILABLE Through the ILLINOIS EMERGENCY SHELTER
 GRANTS PROGRAM.**
- (00-853) Communication from Corporation Counsel with ORDINANCE NO. 15,044
 Amending CHAPTER 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to ALCOHOLIC
 BEVERAGES Recommending the Minimum Food Sales Standard of 25% of the
 Regular Gross Monthly Sales for Class B-1 Liquor Licenses.**
- (00-854) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with
 ORDINANCE NO. 15,045 Amending Ordinance 13,567 Granting Approval for a
 FINAL SITE PLAN for a SHOPPING CENTER for the Property Located in the
 3300-3600 BLOCKS OF WILLOW KNOLLS ROAD, with Conditions.**
- (00-855) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with
 ORDINANCE NO. 15,046 Amending Ordinance No. 14,530, an EXISTING
 SPECIAL USE in a Class R-4 District (Single Family Residential) for a
 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK to Include a STORAGE FACILITY with RESTROOM
 for Property Located at 1423, 1424, 1427 and 1430 N. BOURLAND AVENUE, with
 Conditions.**
- (00-856) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with
 ORDINANCE NO. 15,047 Granting a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-2 District (Single
 Family Residential) for a TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER to be Used by
 CELLULAR CARRIER and EMERGENCY 911 for Property Located at 3615 N.
 GRANDVIEW DRIVE.**
- (00-857) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell G. Grieves to the POLICE-COMMUNITY
*** RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

**W. Joe Hudson
Ira Goggins
Rev. Gary J. Wilson
James K. Polk
Dr. Joy Miller
Gary T. Rafool
John A. Williams**

**Andres Diaz
Council Member Sandberg
Suzanne L. Patton
Officer Lisa M. Snow
Edwin E. Cook
David L. Gaca**

(00-858) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell G. Grieves to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**Mr. Duane Heward
Ms. Geraldine Mitchell
Mr. Richard W. Zuckerman**

(00-859) Communication from Corporation Counsel Regarding a REPORT on BILLS SUBMITTED to PAAG for Payment.

(00-860) REPORTS:

A. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT – OCTOBER, 2000.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT BACKS as Follows:

(00-816) Communication from Director of Public Works with REPORT BACK on COTTAGE DISTRICT ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING PROJECT.

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. 00-850 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Duncan requested that Item No. 00-857 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Turner requested that Item No. 00-849 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 00-847 through 00-860, and 00-816, excluding Item Nos. 00-849, 00-850 and 00-857 (which were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(00-849) * Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding SUPPORT EQUIPMENT QUOTES 2000-2001 SNOW SEASON. (For Information Only)

Following a discussion with Council Member Turner, Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle distributed a listing of certified vendors to all members of the Council.

Council Member Turner moved to receive and file the communication regarding support equipment quotes for the 2000-2001 Snow Season; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-850) Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Authorization
** to Prepare and Submit a PRE-APPLICATION for a BUSINESS INCUBATOR in
 Conjunction with the CITY OF REFUGE WORSHIP CENTER.**

Council Member Sandberg said he would abstain from discussion and the vote due to his professional relationship with the City of Refuge Worship Center.

Council Member Turner moved to authorize the preparation and submittal of a pre-application for a business incubator in conjunction with the City of Refuge Worship Center; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

In discussion with Council Member Ardis, Director of Economic Development Dave Dobson explained the request was for an incubator feasibility study. He said discussions were held with Congressman Lahood's office, Bradley University, the Worship Center, and the Economic Development Administration to determine if an incubator facility would be feasible in the proposed area. He said Bradley University already operated an incubator center, but it was felt as part of the revitalization efforts in the southern portion of the City, this would be useful for businesses in this area. He said costs for the actual study were unknown at this time and those costs were presently being determined. He said the EDA felt the endeavor would be successful and there was support from Congressman Lahood's office. He also pointed out that the City would not be committed to funding at this point; however, should the pre-application be accepted to go ahead with the application, the City would be the applicant and funds for setup would be needed in the future.

Motion to authorize the preparation and submittal of a pre-application for a business incubator in conjunction with the City of Refuge Worship Center was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Sandberg – 1.

**(00-857) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Lowell G. Grieves to the POLICE-COMMUNITY
*** RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

**W. Joe Hudson
Ira Goggins
Rev. Gary J. Wilson
James K. Polk
Dr. Joy Miller
Gary T. Rafool
John A. Williams**

**Andres Diaz
Council Member Sandberg
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David L. Gaca**

In discussion with Council Member Duncan regarding the function of the committee, Mayor Grieves explained there had been situations that had been brought to the Council's attention having to do with Police procedures, racial profiling and things of this nature. He said it was his hope this committee could act as a focal point for concerned citizens to express their concerns. He stated the committee, while having no direct power, could bring these issues to the attention of the proper authorities for their consideration. He said this would be a first stage where citizens could get their complaints or concerns addressed.

Council Member Duncan expressed concern regarding the lack of any real authority this committee would have. He said he wanted it to be clear to the citizens that this committee would have no disciplinary powers. He said he thought the committee was going to be formed to work with the Police Department and the community to prevent things from happening and improve relations in general.

Council Member Duncan moved to concur with the appointments made by Mayor Grieves to the Police-Community Relations Advisory Committee; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to concur with the appointments made by Mayor Grieves to the Police-Community Relations Advisory Committee was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(00-861) Communication from Director of Public Works with Recommendation from the City Traffic Commission Regarding BIG HOLLOW ROAD RAILROAD BRIDGE Requesting the City Council to Evaluate the Impact on the Dunlap Fire District to Adequately Serve Citizens.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray distributed a communication with an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14,868 pertaining to the closing of Big Hollow Road to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Nichting stated he was opposed to the closure of Big Hollow Road, but he would support the proposed Ordinance; otherwise it would jeopardize the funding for the extension of the Charter Oak Road project.

Council Member Nichting moved to receive and file the communication and adopt the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14,868 pertaining to the closing of Big Hollow Road clarifying the place of closure; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,048 amending Ordinance No. 14,868 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(00-862) Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of RELOCATION AND MOVING EXPENSES, in the Amount of \$10,000.00, for the RISE & SHINE RESTAURANT Located at 701 S. W. ADAMS STREET within the Stadium Site, and Requesting that the City Manager be Authorized to Execute the Necessary Agreement.

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

Council Member Duncan moved to approve the relocation and moving expenses, in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Rise & Shine Restaurant located at 701 S. W. Adams Street within the Stadium Site, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary agreement; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

(00-863) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 7323 N. KNOXVILLE AVENUE from the Present Class R-2 District (Single Family Residential) to a Class O-1 District (Arterial Office).

A letter from the Medical Director of Peoria Urological Associates regarding the buffer zone and their desire to develop a beautiful setting for the neighborhood, with pictures, was distributed to all members of the Council.

Council Member Nichting moved to defer this item until the December 12, 2000, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Motion to defer this item until December 12, 2000, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (00-864) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to APPROVE and Recommendation from the City Staff to DENY an ORDINANCE Amending an EXISTING USE WITH APPROVAL as a SPECIAL USE per Current Requirements in a Class C-1 District (General Commercial) to Include AUTO REPAIR AND AUTOMOBILE AND LIGHT TRUCK SALES for Property Located at 2022 N. WISCONSIN AVENUE, with Conditions.**

Council Member Thetford moved to defer this item until the December 12, 2000, Regular City Council Meeting, and direct Staff to meet with the Petitioners and the neighborhood representatives to discuss the site plan; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Motion to defer this item until December 12, 2000, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (00-865) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Planning Commission to DENY and Recommendation from the City Staff to APPROVE, with Conditions, a RESOLUTION Approving the PRELIMINARY PLAT of OAK POINT SUBDIVISION, a Residential Subdivision Located at 9315 N. FRYE ROAD, to the East of Knoxville Avenue and to the South of Illinois Route 6, at the End of Frye Road.**

At the request of the neighbors present, a copy of a letter from the Greater Peoria Sanitary District regarding the average costs per lot for a pressure sewer system, and pictures of deterioration to the roadway, were distributed to all members of the Council.

Council Member Nichting moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those who wished to address the Council regarding this issue; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

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

Mr. Jim Fletcher, 9015 N. Frye Road, stated that the Planning Commission had recommended denial of the Preliminary Plat twice and he spoke in support of the Council doing the same. He expressed concern regarding the condition of the road and possible safety problems if additional residents were using the roadway. He said there was a lack of proper gutters, curbs, and sewers. He expressed further concern that the developer had done little to address the concerns of the neighborhood. He said he did not feel the present infrastructure would support a new subdivision. He pointed out that the residents in the area had received a letter informing them that costs per lot for the pressure sewer system would be \$15,593.81 for existing lots and the average cost for a conventional sewer system would be \$19,741.24. He expressed concern that the developer had not met with the neighbors. He urged the Council to deny the request.

Mr. Scott Altorfer, P. O. Box 10005, said he hoped to be a future resident of the new subdivision on Frye Road. He said the developer had indicated they would improve the roads and infrastructure following construction, and there would be an addition of a cul-du-sac for turn-around traffic. He said it was his understanding that water pressure concerns would be addressed, and he did not feel the subdivision would adversely affect the existing neighborhood. He said the new owners wanted privacy, a safe environment and a country-like setting just like the current homeowners in the area. He said there would be only 10 homes on a 50-acre site so density would not be a problem. He urged the Council to vote in favor of the Preliminary Plat.

Mr. Randy May, 9301 N. Frye Road, described the narrow width of the present road and the one that would be used to travel to the proposed subdivision. He said there were safety concerns and he did not feel the Preliminary Plat met the necessary requirements. He urged the Council to deny the Preliminary Plat.

Ms. Janet Andrews, 9025 N. Frye Road, expressed concern regarding the number of school buses that would use the road and pass one another on this narrow roadway. She said there would be at least two school districts sending buses to the area. She also expressed concern regarding the condition of the road. She added that the water main would not be improved from Knoxville, but just for the new residents of the subdivision.

Ms. Sue Riebel, 9303 N. Frye, said she lived adjacent to the proposed new subdivision. She said she felt the road was too narrow to carry much traffic and there was already a problem with over flow parking if a resident had company. She said she was concerned about additional traffic and fast traffic because children walked to and from their school buses. She urged the Council to deny the request.

Mr. Alvaro Gurdian, 9020 N. Frye Road, expressed concern regarding the narrowness of the road and increased traffic. He also expressed concern regarding possible loss of adequate water pressure.

Mr. Bob Hall, Attorney for the Petitioner and the developer, said meetings had been held with the neighborhood, Planning Commission and various other governmental bodies regarding the proposed subdivision. He said he felt that the concerns of the residents had been addressed as best they could. He said the Council had approved the zoning in September. He discussed the benefits of the project and how it would enhance the area, and he pointed out the development would bring in approximately \$120,000 in annual real estate taxes. He said the developer had indicated his willingness to pay for the overlay of the roadway once construction was completed, in the amount of \$20,000. He said water pressure concerns had been addressed regarding domestic service and fire protection. He urged the Council to approve the Preliminary Plat.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg regarding the overlay of the street that would be paid by the developer, Mr. Hall stated the developer planned to spend \$20,000 and overlay as much of the road as this amount would cover. Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that this amount seemed low.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern that the developer was not present to answer questions and address the concerns of the neighborhood. He added that he was concerned about infrastructure problems and the issue of septic tanks.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle said it was the City's desire for everyone to be on the sanitary sewer system, but he said there was a problem with the lay of the land. He said pumps would need to be used which would increase costs.

In discussion, Mr. Hall further discussed the overlay of blacktop and he said the developer would be willing to increase the \$20,000 amount to \$30,000.

In discussion with Council Member Nichting regarding what the legal standing of the City would be if the Preliminary Plat was denied, Corporation Counsel Randy Ray said in a zoning case, the Council could use more discretion, but if this was denied, it would be problematic from a legal stand point.

Council Member Nichting said he did not support the proposed Preliminary Plat, but due to the City's legal standing, he felt it would be in the City's best interest to approve it.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat of Oak Point subdivision, a residential subdivision located at 9315 N. Frye Road, to the east of Knoxville Avenue and to the south of Illinois Route 6, at the end of Frye Road, with an amendment to Condition #4 of the Resolution changing the \$20,000 to \$30,000; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

Ms. Evonne Howard expressed concern about the Council's lack of value they placed on comments made by the residents and how the proposed subdivision would negatively impact the residents of the area.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 00-865 approving the Preliminary Plat of Oak Point subdivision, a residential subdivision located at 9315 N. Frye Road, to the east of Knoxville Avenue and to the south of Illinois Route 6, at the end of Frye Road, with an amendment to Condition #4 of the Resolution changing the \$20,000 to \$30,000, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Grayeb, Turner - 2.

(00-866) CITY MANAGER REPORT to CITY COUNCIL.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the City Manager Report to City Council; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(00-746) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Authorization to Grant UTILITY EASEMENT to AMERITECH on Property Located at 7015 N. E. SKYLINE DRIVE (Formerly Fire Station #17), and Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Easement.

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

Motion to table this item was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(00-743) Communication from City Manager Regarding:

A. REVISED 2001-2005 CIP DOCUMENT;

B. PRELIMINARY BUDGET/EXCEPTIONS for FISCAL YEAR 2001, with Request from the City Treasurer for a Fiscal Tech 1 Position and Two REPORT BACKS – FY 1999 & 1998 Revenue and Operating Expenditure Reports for the Period September 1 to December 31; and POSITION VACANCIES; And REPORT BACK - 2000 THIRD QUARTER ACTIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Mayor Grieves stated the Council had been grappling with difficult Budget issues for several meetings. He explained there was a \$2.5 million shortfall in the Operating Budget and over \$822,000 shortfall in the Capital Improvement Budget. He said the challenge before the Council was to provide direction to the City Manager so he could prepare a balanced budget for final adoption.

Discussion was held regarding possible use of HOME and CDBG funds for sidewalks. It was determined that it was possible for CDBG funds to be used for sidewalks, but HOME money could not be used for sidewalks. Discussion was also held regarding the possible increase in the amusement tax for the rental of videos that could possibly raise between \$50,000 to \$100,000, and a possible increase in the hotel tax, which would raise about \$500,000 per year. It was pointed out that this possible raise in the hotel tax would not be a part of the HRA tax.

Council Member Thetford moved to reprogram \$400,000 from the aerial mapping project to cover a portion of the \$822,614 shortfall in the CIP Budget; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

City Engineer Gene Hewitt explained the value and importance of the GIS aerial mapping project. He said if the \$400,000 was taken away from this project, the City would not be able to realize the benefit to the City and the community. He indicated this change would impact operational efficiencies. He also said the aerial mapping assisted in streamlining their organization to be able to provide service to customers without them coming to City Hall. He said he felt the organization would be the long term loser and fracture the partnerships with the County and the Greater Peoria Sanitary District. He added there was about \$900,000 already obligated to the project. He further explained that if the \$400,000 was taken away, it would not negate what the City had already invested in the project. He said the \$400,000 would cover the last layer of the project to identify parcels, and was the final piece needed for the entire base map. He said if this was funded in the future, costs would probably go up, but the City would lose the opportunities to capture savings in the future.

In discussion with Council Member Turner, Mr. Hewitt explained the benefits of this project for contractors, and would provide information for decision making abilities. He further discussed other local communities and their progress, and he said the City was working to partner with other communities.

In further discussion with Council Member Nichting, Mr. Hewitt explained the uses this project were already providing. He discussed the technology and the changes in the prices of hardware and software. He said the costs of the project were in the care and maintenance of the project.

In discussion with Council Member Spears, Mr. Hewitt stated there were revenue possibilities for the City, but this system would never pay for itself; but he added, there would be revenue to maintain the system. He said the system had saved his department over \$50,000 in the past year.

Mr. Van Winkle urged the Council to view their role in the community and the City's commitment to the Sanitary District and the County. He requested that Council support the funding for the GIS aerial mapping project.

City Manager Michael McKnight said he understood the Council's desires and their priorities, and he suggested that the Council remand the Budget back to the Staff and allow them to make changes accordingly. He suggested that Council provide direction on the revenues and then allow the Staff to craft a Budget for the Council's review. He said his highest priority was not to layoff personnel.

Motion to reprogram \$400,000 from the aerial mapping project to use to cover a portion of the \$822,614 shortfall in the CIP Budget was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford -4;

Nays: Ardis, Duncan, Morris, Nichting, Turner, Mayor Grieves - 6.

Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan said in this afternoon's meeting, \$138,000 was moved off the Southside Streetscape to fund a portion of the CIP shortage.

Mr. Van Winkle explained this was a suggestion regarding a way to shift some funds. He said he had talked with IDOT and they planned to mill and overlay the entire length of Howett in 2001 and Lincoln Street in 2002, so there would be significant impact on the street regarding presentation. He said it would not be completed without new curbs and sidewalks. He added there was funding in the Southside Streetscape and the money would not be enough in 2001 to do anything significant.

Council Member Duncan urged the Council to retain the funding in Southside Streetscape at the \$162,000 level. He said Lincoln and Howett were major thoroughfares in that portion of the City. He said even though the State would be working on the streets in 2001 and 2002, it would not be enough since the new curbs and sidewalks were also needed.

Mayor Grieves referred to the CIP and said the City Manager would be bringing back recommendations for cuts to cover the \$822,614. He added the Council would have an opportunity to approve the recommendations.

The Council concurred.

Mayor Grieves referred to possible revenue sources that the Council would be interested in exploring, and he said it included elimination of the Home Rule rebate, increase the Amusement Tax, increase the Hotel Tax, change the Streetscape Policy, increase downtown parking fees, charge for street/alley vacations, and rotation tow fees.

Mayor Grieves discussed the Council's past action of locking the real estate tax at \$1.26 and the revenue generated over the past couple of years. He indicated he did not support raising taxes to fund the operating budget at this time and he urged the Council to hold the line on spending. He urged the Council to stay within the limits set three years ago.

Council Member Sandberg moved to stay within the limit set by the Council three years ago and live within the growth generated at \$89 million, and request the City Manager to find the needed \$2.5 million; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves—9;

Nays: Grayeb - 1.

City Manager Michael McKnight stated he would come back with a budget for Council's approval that would cut \$2.5 million from the operations and find funding for the \$822,614 shortfall for the CIP budget.

Council Member Nichting moved that each Department take the lowest cut on the Revised 2000 and 2001 budget and reduce operations by that amount; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Motion was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Thetford – 1;

Nays: Ardis, Duncan, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Mayor Grieves –9.

The Council concurred to remand the 2001 City of Peoria Budget back to the City Manager.

(00-831) Communication from Corporation Counsel with RESOLUTION Releasing EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES Regarding the Hooter's Controversy. (New Communication)

Several Council Members expressed concern that they did not have an opportunity to review the list of Executive Sessions proposed for release. Discussion was held regarding a possible deferral.

After determining that no one wanted to discuss this issue in Executive Session, Council Member Sandberg moved to approve the Resolution releasing Executive Session Minutes regarding the Hooter's controversy; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

RESOLUTION NO. 00-831 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Mayor Grieves –8;

Nays: Grayeb, Thetford - 2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(00-867) 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)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; and 2(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Council Member Duncan moved that the City Council 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)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; and 2(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

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