

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, November 28, 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 6:30 P.M.), Morris, Nichting, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 10; Absent: Sandberg - 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2000

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on November 21, 2000, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA AND TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA**(00-868) PUBLIC HEARING Relating to an AMENDMENT to the BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE for the TOWN of the CITY of PEORIA.**

Trustee Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing relating to an amendment to the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Ardis.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:25 P.M.

Following Chairman Grieves’ third call for citizen comments, he determined that no one wished to speak.

Trustee Nichting moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Trustee Ardis.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:26 P.M.

- (00-869) Communication from Town Collector and Township Supervisor with ORDINANCE AMENDING the TOWNSHIP BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. TO-00-01 to Hire Additional Tax Collectors, Purchase a Computer and Printer in the Amount of \$10,400 and to Increase the Emergency Assistance Utility Line Item in the Amount of \$300,000 in the General Assistance Budget.**

Trustee Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. TO-00-01 to hire additional tax collectors, purchase a computer and printer in the amount of \$10,400.00 and to increase the Emergency Assistance Utility line item in the amount of \$300,000 in General Assistance Budget; seconded by Trustee Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-00-02, amending Ordinance No. TO-00-01, was adopted by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 9;
Nays: None.

Council Member Grayeb arrived at the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:

- (00-870) NOTICE OF SUIT on Behalf of SUSAN V. REYNOLDS Claiming Alleged Police Brutality.**
- (00-871) Communication from ESDA Director Requesting to Award the LOW BID of OBERLANDER ELECTRIC, in the Amount of \$29,896.00 for Removing and Replacing the Existing GENERATOR at the City of Peoria ESDA Facility Located at 3615 N. Grandview Drive.**
- (00-872) BIDS for OFFICE FURNITURE for Various City Departments, as Outlined.**
- (00-873) Communication from Fire Chief Requesting Authorization to PURCHASE A 100' AERIAL PLATFORM TRUCK from GLOBAL FIRE EQUIPMENT, in the Amount of \$565,000.00.**
- (00-874) Communication from Fire Chief & Director of Public Works Requesting to Contract with APACE ARCHITECTS – ENGINEERS for the DESIGN PHASE of the CENTRAL FIRE STATION ADDITION Located at 505 N.E. MONROE STREET, in the Amount of \$68,400.00 and the Reimbursable Expenses up to \$3,500.00.**
- (00-875) REPORTS:**
- A. PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT, OCTOBER, 2000.**
- B. PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT, OCTOBER, 2000.**

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT BACKS AS FOLLOWS:

- (00-796) Communication from Director of Public Works and Chief of Police Regarding**
(00-711) AUDIT of SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES.

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

Item Nos. 00-870 through 00-875, and 00-796 and 00-711 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(00-876) Communication from Director of Economic Development with Recommendation to Approve a REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and the NATHANIEL GROUP L.L.C. under the Terms and Conditions Outlined by Staff and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.

Council Member Duncan moved to approve a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Peoria and the Nathaniel Group L.L.C. under the terms and conditions outlined by Staff and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(00-877) Communication from Mayor Lowell G. Grieves with RESOLUTION Pertaining to the SALARY of the CITY MANAGER.

Council Member Turner moved to approve the Resolution pertaining to the salary of the City Manager; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

RESOLUTION NO. 00-877 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Gibson - 1.

(00-878) Communication from Director of Economic Development Regarding TEMPORARY PARKING PROPOSAL (DOWNTOWN STADIUM PROJECT), Requesting the WAIVER of MONTHLY PARKING FEES for 70 Spaces Already Leased and the Provision of an Additional 7 Spaces at no Cost to Caterpillar, Inc. until Such Time as 77 Permanent Parking Spaces can be Provided.

Council Member Nichting stated he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote because he owned property in the vicinity of the Downtown Stadium site.

Council Member Duncan stated he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote because he was employed by Caterpillar.

Council Member Turner moved to approve the waiver of monthly parking fees for 70 spaces already leased and the provision of an additional seven spaces, at no cost to Caterpillar, Inc. until such time as 77 permanent parking spaces could be provided; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves –8;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Duncan, Nichting - 2.

Council Member Turner stated he had just been advised that he should have abstained from this item since Caterpillar, Inc. was his employer.

Council Member Morris moved to reconsider the vote on this item; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Motion to reconsider was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Spears, Thetford, Mayor Grieves – 7;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Duncan, Nichting, Turner - 3.

Council Member Morris moved to approve the waiver of monthly parking fees for 70 spaces already leased and the provision of an additional seven spaces, at no cost to Caterpillar, Inc. until such time as 77 permanent parking spaces could be provided; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Spears, Thetford, Mayor Grieves – 7;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Duncan, Nichting, Turner - 3.

(00-879) Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding SIDEWALK INFILL at 301 E. THRUSH (Peoria Avenue Side) Requesting the City Council's Direction.

Council Member Thetford moved to direct Staff to initiate the sidewalk infill at 301 E. Thrush, on the Peoria Avenue side, as a special assessment with 80% public funding and 20% funding by the property owner; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(00-880) Communication from Director of Public Works with Recommendation for City Staff and Council to Pursue Appropriate TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES for FLORENCE AVENUE During the Next Several Months.

Council Member Gibson said there was a distinct traffic problem in this area because of speeding and cut-through traffic, and she urged the Council to support the Staff pursuing the appropriate traffic calming measures for this area.

Council Member Gibson moved to direct City Staff to pursue appropriate traffic calming measures for Florence Avenue during the next several months; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(00-881) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting ACCEPTANCE of the DEDICATION of EXTENSION of PARISH AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Council Member Gibson said it had taken some time for this project to proceed to this point. She said IDOT had asked that there be intent on the part of the City in the form of a dedication of the territory so they could begin their engineering plans.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle stated the proposed connection would benefit R J Distributing and the neighborhood because the connection would keep trucks out of the neighborhood, but it would also provide a means for neighborhood traffic to better access War Memorial Drive.

Council Member Gibson moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those who wished to address this issue; seconded by Council Member Turner.

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

Mr. Martin Lawless, 3304 N. Isabel, said Isabel was the only through street between University and Sheridan. He discussed an agreement with the neighborhood that Parish Avenue was to be a one-way street going North and would not carry any truck traffic. He expressed concern that this agreement with the City was not being honored.

Council Member Gibson explained two-way traffic on Parish Avenue was a stipulation by IDOT. She said they would not permit the entry-way onto War Memorial unless it connected to an existing street. She said it was her understanding that IDOT was adamant about this policy.

Council Member Gibson moved to accept the Dedication of Extension of Parish Avenue right-of-way; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

In discussion with Council Member Spears regarding truck traffic, Mr. Van Winkle stated there would only be truck traffic going to R J Distributing. He said he felt that Mr. Jockish would agree that trucks would commit to using War Memorial Drive.

Mr. Robert Jockish, owner of R J Distributing, said he requested that none of his trucks drive on Florence Avenue toward Thomas Jefferson School because there would not be enough room for traffic to pass these large trucks. He said he would commit that all his vehicles travel on Florence Avenue toward War Memorial and turn right.

Council Member Spears suggested that a sign be installed indicating that all trucks had to turn right onto War Memorial. He said it would still make it a two-way traffic area but would help the neighborhood. He asked that this be a part of the motion.

Council Member Gibson agreed to add this to the motion as a friendly amendment, and the seconder agreed.

Motion to accept the Dedication of Extension of Parish Avenue right-of-way; as amended, that a sign be installed indicating that all trucks had to turn right onto War Memorial was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-882) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with
ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 1205 W. FLORENCE from the
Present Class R-3 District (Single Family Residential) to a Class C-1 District
(General Commercial) and Granting a SPECIAL USE for AUTO SALES, with
Conditions.**

City Clerk Mary Haynes stated that Petitions, bearing six signatures, opposing the proposed rezoning had been filed in the City Clerk's Office, and she added that Corporation Counsel Randy Ray had advised that the Petitions would force a two-thirds vote.

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

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

Mr. Robert Hall, Attorney representing Jim Macomb Chevrolet, gave a brief explanation regarding the reasons for the requested rezoning, the specifics of the request, and impacts of the request. He urged the Council to support the proposed rezoning and Special Use.

Traffic Engineer Jim Baumann stated he had made an evaluation of the consultant's report and he had also considered the City's perspective. He said with the stipulations in the agreement, he would concur with the right turn toward University Street and left turn in from University Street. He said this would be a benefit to the neighborhood and to the petitioner.

Ms. Pamela Smith, 1204 W. Florence Avenue, expressed concern that she had recently purchased a home on Florence without knowing about the proposal for the Macomb property. She expressed concern regarding the impact this would have on the neighborhood and she added this was discouraging for the neighborhood. She urged the Council to retain and protect the atmosphere of their older neighborhood.

Mr. Martin Lawless, 3033 N. Isabel, discussed his concerns regarding traffic and safety regarding school children walking in the area. He urged the Council not to support the request.

Mr. Bill Beckman, 1116 W. Florence Avenue, urged the Council to continue their commitment to the trusts and covenant of this neighborhood. He expressed concern regarding the increase in traffic on Florence, and he did not feel that IDOT should have authority in neighborhoods. He said the neighborhood should be protected from the encroachment from commercial development. He also gave a brief history of the covenant made to the neighborhood in 1966.

Council Member Gibson moved to adopt the Ordinance rezoning property located at 1205 W. Florence from the present class R-3 District (Single Family Residential) to a Class C-1 District (General commercial) and granting a Special Use for Auto Sales, with conditions; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Ms. Jill Meints, 1010 W. Hudson, requested assistance from the Council to protect their neighborhood from the encroachment of business in the area.

Motion to adopt the Ordinance rezoning property located at 1205 W. Florence from the present class R-3 District (Single Family Residential) to a Class C-1 District (General commercial) and granting a Special Use for Auto Sales, with conditions, was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Thetford – 6;

Nays: Duncan, Grayeb, Turner, Mayor Grieves - 4.

Clerk's Note: The proposed Ordinance needed seven affirmative votes in order to pass because of the Petitions that were filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(99-812) Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding REPLACEMENT RAIL SERVICE to PIONEER INDUSTRIAL PARK and GROWTH CELL #2 from the UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD MAINLINE WEST of PIONEER INDUSTRIAL PARK, with Recommendations as Outlined. (DOT and PIONEER INDUSTRIAL RAILWAY)

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray distributed a copy of the proposal from Pioneer Industrial Railway Company, which was received on November 22, 2000, and a copy of a letter from Pioneer Industrial Railway Company to all members of the City Council.

Mayor Grieves stated the Journal Star had run an article stating that the City had not received a proposal from Pioneer Industrial Railway, but he said he understood a proposal had been received.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle discussed the proposals made by both DOT and Pioneer Industrial Railway and the imposed deadlines. He said DOT 's proposal was the only that had arrived by the deadline. He said an unsigned proposal from Pioneer Industrial Railway was received sometime after the deadline. He urged the Council to approve DOT to provide rail service to Pioneer Industrial Park and Growth Cell #2 from the Union Pacific Railroad Mainline west of Pioneer Industrial Park.

Council Member Grayeb moved to direct Staff to work exclusively with DOT Rail as the potential switching contractor to provide service to Pioneer park from the west and follow the direction provided by the Council on November 14, 2000; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

In discussion with Council Member Nichting, Corporation Counsel Randy Ray pointed out some of the differences in the two proposals.

In further discussion with Council Member Nichting, Mr. Van Winkle indicated that DOT would be the preferred vendor for providing the service. He said it was his opinion the overall agreement was better. He expressed concern that extra time and benefit had been provided to the local contractor, yet they were not responsive and the proposal was not easily understood. He further outlined several things the Council would still have to consider in the future. He said the spur purchase contract needed to be further negotiated and a meeting would need to be held between the users to satisfy their concerns, before this came back to Council.

Motion to direct Staff to work exclusively with DOT Rail as the potential switching contractor to provide service to Pioneer park from the west and follow the direction provided by the Council on November 14, 2000, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Turner - 1.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Don Gibson.

Mr. Don Gibson, representing DOT Rail Service, Inc., briefly explained their experience and areas they had provided service for. He assured the Council consistent service would be provided.

Council Member Gibson and Council Member Morris left the Council Chambers.

(00-810) Communication from Director of Public Works and Chief of Police with REPORT BACK on UNIVERSITY-EAST ALLEY USAGE and DIAGONAL DIVERTERS with Recommendation that the Four Alleys Remain One-Way Northbound Via a New Traffic Regulation Order to be Presented to the City Manager.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle and Superintendent of Police John Stenson distributed a report back regarding University-East Alley Usage and diagonal diverters to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Ardis moved to defer this item for one week until the December 5, 2000, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Motion to defer this item until December 5, 2000, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Grayeb, Nichting, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves –8;

Nays: None.

Council Member Gibson and Council Member Morris returned to the Council Chambers.

(00-825) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2000 of the City of Peoria Relating to LEGAL FEES.

Council Member Thetford moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for fiscal year 2000 of the City of Peoria relating to Legal Fees; seconded by Council Member Gibson.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,049 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, 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.

A communication from the Management Co-Chair and Labor Co-Chairs requesting that a presentation be made by Health Care Consultant William Hembree was distributed to all members of the Council. A copy of key indicators of the Medical Plan's Performance was distributed to the Council from the City of Peoria's Joint Labor/Management Healthcare Committee.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. William Hembree.

Mr. William Hembree, Health Care Consultant, provided a status update regarding the City's healthcare plan. He discussed the seriousness of the healthcare situation and costs in the past, present and future and challenges faced by the plan. He said costs for the year 2000 were approximately \$8 million and he projected costs for the 2001 would be about \$10 million, which were doubled from the 1997 figure of \$5,013,582.00. He said that the City was paying more per employee than other companies, and if the increases continued to escalate at the same rate, the City would be paying \$10,000 to \$11,000 per employee in 2006, and \$19,000 per employee in 2012. He said this would compare very unfavorably to

other employers. He said, over the past several years, there were a number of seriously ill patients which had contributed to higher costs. He urged the Council to encourage participation in the plan, have patience with the plan, have pride in the Healthcare Committee participants and partner with the plans' members.

City Manager Michael McKnight distributed a report back regarding the 2001 Operating Budget Reductions to all members of the City Council.

City Treasurer Mary Ulrich distributed a copy of a memo requesting an additional staff member in her office to all members of the City Council.

Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan said the communication outlined fourteen vacancies that would not be filled in 2001, which would save approximately \$635,745. She said by eliminating \$867,053 in exceptions and reducing operating expenditures by \$1,573,500, the new operating total of \$89,230,648 and the estimated revenues, in the amount of \$89,242,539, would result in a surplus of \$11,891.

Concern was expressed regarding the proposed cuts in personnel in key departments and the fact that more funding was not being allowed for increased fuel costs.

In discussion with Council Member Turner, Mr. McKnight discussed the importance of the City getting a new revenue stream in the near future.

Council Member Turner said, in order to fund growth, union contract negotiations, litigation, healthcare increase, and increased energy costs, he urged the Council to make a decision to consider a ½ cent increase in sales tax, which would bring in \$6 million to \$12 million. He said he felt it was fiscally irresponsible if the 2001 Budget was adopted without a new revenue source.

Council Member Grayeb spoke in support of an increase in amusement tax of 2%, which would generate approximately \$700,000.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve a 2% increase in the Amusement Tax for the 2001 City Budget; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Turner – 2;

Nays: Ardis, Duncan, Gibson, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Thetford, Mayor Grieves –8.

Council Member Nichting expressed concern that the City Clerk's vacant position for an Administrative Specialist III was listed as one of the vacancies not to be funded for 2001. He also pointed out that the City Treasurer's Office had requested an additional person for the year 2001. He discussed the commitment made to these two offices by the Council during Executive Sessions. He said he felt these two positions should be funded for 2001. He suggested that operating efficiencies be used to fund these two positions.

Council Member Nichting moved to direct the Administration to fund the Administrative Specialist III vacant position in the City Clerk's Office, and the new position for 2001 in the City Treasurer's Office; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

City Clerk Mary Haynes pointed out the extreme need for the position and explained that she had operating efficiency funds in her Department's Budget. She requested that this amount be used toward funding the vacant position in her Office.

Council Member Morris moved for a substitute motion to approve the 2001 Operating Budget reductions as outlined in the City Manager's communication to the Council; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Thetford pointed out that the Council had just received the City Manager's recommendations for reductions, and she suggested that the Council take time to evaluate the impact of the proposed reductions. She said she did not feel comfortable voting on the proposed reductions now.

Council Member Gibson expressed concern that key Neighborhood Development positions would not be funded in 2001. She indicated the impact on the Neighborhood Development Commission would be devastating. She indicated her feeling that the City should fund these positions to show their support for all neighborhoods, but little would be accomplished if these positions were left vacant. She said this was unacceptable.

Council Member Ardis discussed the proposed reductions and he urged the City Manager to make some adjustments on the reductions. He expressed concern regarding \$132,000 funding for Human Resources, but the commitment made to the City Clerk's Office and the Treasurer's Office could not be funded. He said another area of concern was the fact that the City had two Economic Development Departments. He also urged the Council not to vote on these reductions at this meeting, and provide the City Manager with further guidance.

Council Member Thetford moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Dave Koehler; seconded by Council Member Gibson.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Dave Koehler.

Mr. Dave Koehler, Chairman of the Neighborhood Development Commission, said he agreed with Council Member Gibson's statement regarding the Neighborhood Development Commission and their need for the vacant positions to be filled. He said without proper Staff, he questioned if the Neighborhood Conference could even be held. He said the Neighborhood Development Commission had been working on this conference for about two years. He said without Staff, the Neighborhood Development Commission could not be effective. He suggested out of the \$450,000 budgeted for the Neighborhood Development Commission, that the City allow the Commission to have input as to how the money should be divided.

Discussion was held regarding whether or not the Council should hold a Budget Hearing to discuss these reductions further.

Council Member Turner moved to call the question; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Motion to call the question was approved by roll call vote.

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

Mayor Grieves -10;

Nays: None.

Substitute motion to approve the 2001 Operating Budget reductions as outlined in the City Manager's communication to the Council was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Duncan, Morris, Nichting, Turner, Mayor Grieves -5;

Nays: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Spears, Thetford - 5.

Discussion was held regarding the last possible date a Budget could be adopted. It was requested that the Budget be adopted by December 12, but no later than December 19, 2000. Some suggested that the Council meet in small groups to discuss changes to the Budget, and bring suggestions back to the full Council.

Council Member Spears moved to set a Budget Hearing for Saturday morning, December 2, 2000; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Ms. Hogan explained that the Public Hearing for the 2001 Budget was tentatively scheduled for December 12, 2000, but work on the Budget could continue.

Motion to set a Budget Hearing on Saturday morning was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Nichting, Spears, Thetford –5;

Nays: Duncan, Grayeb, Morris, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 5.

Council Member Spears moved to direct the Administration to place nothing on the Council Agenda for December 5, 2000, except the Budget and any items that were absolutely necessary; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Motion was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Turner –5;

Nays: Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Thetford, Mayor Grieves – 5.

Council Member Grayeb moved to defer this discussion regarding the 2001 City of Peoria Budget until the December 5, 2000, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Motion to defer this item until December 5, 2000, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

(00-883) Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of RELOCATION AND MOVING EXPENSES for a BUSINESS TENANT at 611 S. W. ADAMS STREET, and that the City Manager be Authorized to Execute the Necessary Agreement.

Director of Economic Development Dave Dobson distributed a copy of this communication to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Nichting stated he would be abstaining due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the Ball Stadium site.

Council Member Duncan moved to approve the relocation and moving expenses for a business tenant at 611 S. W. Adams Street, as outlined in the communication, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary agreement; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Motion to approve the relocation and moving expenses for a business tenant at 611 S. W. Adams Street, as outlined in the communication, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary agreement was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

(00-884) CONCERN Regarding CILCO'S TREE TRIMMING EFFORTS.

Council Member Grayeb said he had received complaints from citizens regarding CILCO and the manner in which they had trimmed trees. He questioned how the City could request CILCO to take more care in this procedure.

Mr. Van Winkle said he did not feel they had any legal way to handle this situation. He said he would follow up with CILCO to see if they could amend their policies.

COMMENTS Regarding the 2000 SANTA PARADE

City Clerk Mary Haynes commended the organizers of the 2000 Santa Parade for their efforts. She said she felt the Parade was bigger and better than ever.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- (00-885) 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; 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; 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, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, 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 9:50 P.M.

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

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