

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, December 5, 2000, a Regular Meeting of the City Council and Town Board was held this date at 6:18 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 (arrived at 6:40 P.M.), Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 11; Absent: None.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**WORD OF THE WEEK “GOODWILL”****PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.****HONORARY CITIZEN PROCLAMATIONS:**

Delegation from Ekaterinburg, Russia, visiting Peoria to meet with Caterpillar, Inc.:

Arkady M. Chernetsky, Mayor of Ekaterinburg

Yuri V. Osintzev, First Mayor of Ekaterinburg

Michail B. Vyatkin, Head of Ekaterinburg City Planning Department

Counsel General James Bigus, U.S. Consulate in Ekaterinburg

Council Member Morris left the Council Chambers.

**MINUTES**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Budget Hearings held on November 18 and 21, 2000; Executive Session held on November 21 and 28, 2000; and the Regular City Council Meeting held on November 28, 2000, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Morris returned to the Council Chambers.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS– CITY OF PEORIA**

**(00-886) PUBLIC HEARING Related to the Issuance by the Issuer of up to the Maximum Bond Amount of \$2,000,000 of Industrial Project Revenue Bonds to Assist Martin Luther Homes of Illinois, Inc. in the Refinancing and Financing of the Project.**

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing related to the issuance by the Issuer of up to the maximum Bond amount of \$2,000,000 of Industrial Project Revenue Bonds to assist Martin Luther Homes of Illinois, Inc. in the refinancing and financing of the project; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

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

Council Member Nichting moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

**(00-887) Communication from Corporation Counsel with RESOLUTION Approving the Issuance of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS to Finance Facilities for MARTIN LUTHER HOMES OF ILLINOIS, INC. in the City of Peoria, Illinois.**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Resolution approving the issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds to finance facilities for Martin Luther Homes of Illinois, Inc. in the City of Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Turner.

RESOLUTION NO. 00-887 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA**

**(00-888) TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BRADLEY HORTON to Address the Council to Read his RESIGNATION from his Position as ASSESSOR for the TOWN, Effective Immediately.**

Hearing no objections, Chairman Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Township Assessor Bradley Horton.

Mr. Bradley Horton, Township Assessor, presented and read a letter of resignation from his position as Assessor for the Town effective immediately because he was elected to the position of Recorder of Deeds for Peoria County. He said he was sworn in on Friday, December 1, 2000. He thanked all present and past Council Members and Mayors for their support.

Trustee Nichting moved to accept Bradley Horton's resignation from his position of Assessor for the Town effective immediately; seconded by Trustee Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner,  
Chairman Grieves – 10;

Nays: None.

Chairman Grieves, Township Trustee Liaison Pat Nichting, Township Clerk Mary Haynes, Township Supervisor Joseph Whalen, and Township Collector Mary Ulrich presented Bradley Horton with a plaque recognizing his accomplishments and commemorating his almost nineteen years in service as the Assessor.

**(00-889) PROCEEDINGS to FILL a VACANCY in the OFFICE of ASSESSOR of the TOWN of the CITY OF PEORIA.**

Chairman Grieves stated that under 60 ILCS 1/60-5 and 35 ILCS 200/2-65 of the State Statutes, the vacancy in any town office within such City and Town may be filled by the Town Board, which was the City Council. He explained that any member of the Council could nominate an individual to serve the remaining portion of the term of Assessor.

Trustee Nichting moved to open the Floor for nominations to the position of Assessor for the Town; seconded by Trustee Morris.

Motion to open the Floor for nominations was approved by roll call vote.

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

Chairman Grieves – 10;

Nays: None.

Trustee Nichting moved to nominate Chief Deputy Assessor Bonnie Gavin as the Assessor for the Town; seconded by Trustee Morris.

Trustee Sandberg moved to close the nominations to the position of Assessor for the Town; seconded by Trustee Morris.

Motion to close the nominations was approved by roll call vote.

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

Chairman Grieves – 10;

Nays: None.

Chairman Grieves called for the vote on the nomination.

Motion to approve the appointment of Chief Deputy Assessor Bonnie Gavin as the Assessor for the Town to fill the vacancy was approved by roll call vote.

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

Chairman Grieves – 10;

Nays: None.

Trustee Duncan arrived at 6:40 P.M.

Township Clerk Mary Haynes called Chief Deputy Assessor Bonnie Gavin forward to take the Oath of Office and be sworn in. Township Clerk Mary Haynes administered the Oath of Office.

Ms. Bonnie Gavin, newly appointed Assessor for the Town, thanked the former Town Assessor Bradley Horton for his support, training and education in her tenure as Chief Deputy. She accepted the appointment as Assessor for the Town and promised to continue professional and fair service to the citizens of the Town.

**(00-890) ORDINANCE LEVYING and ASSESSING TAXES for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2000, and Ending March 31, 2001, of the Town of the City of Peoria for the TOWN GENERAL FUND and I.M.R.F. FUND.**

Trustee Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2000, and ending March 31, 2001, of the Town of the City of Peoria for the Town General Fund and I.M.R.F. Fund; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Motion to adopt the ORDINANCE NO. TO-00-03 levying and assessing taxes for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2000, and ending March 31, 2001, of the Town of the City of Peoria for the Town General Fund and I.M.R.F. Fund was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-891) ORDINANCE LEVYING and ASSESSING TAXES for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2000, and Ending March 31, 2001, for the GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND of the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2000, and ending March 31, 2001, for the General Assistance Fund of the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-00-04 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**

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

**(00-892) BID for the PURCHASE of TWO BATTALION CHIEF VEHICLES  
Recommending the Bid of GREEN CHEVROLET in the Amount of \$60,808.84.**

**(00-893) Communication from Director of Public Works and Finance Director/Comptroller  
Requesting Authorization to PURCHASE a HEAVY-DUTY SERVICE TRUCK  
from BOB RIDINGS, INC. at the Low Bid Price of \$42,995.00.**

**(00-894) PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: MAIN-  
DOUGLAS PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS (Removing existing sidewalks,  
driveways and surfaces and replacing with new sidewalks, driveways, alley, curbs,  
and concrete pavement, landscaping and irrigation, along with all necessary  
adjustments, incidentals and appurtenances.) P.J. HOERR, INC. - PAY  
ESTIMATE #4 & FINAL - \$21,375.94; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED:  
\$21,375.94.**

**(00-895) PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: ELM  
STREET CUL-DE-SAC (Removal of existing pavement; construction of 8" P.C.C.  
pavement cul-de-sac, P.C.C. driveway approach, property-line sidewalks, seeding  
and all appurtenant construction thereto.) C & G CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION -  
PAY ESTIMATE #1 & SEMI-FINAL - \$33,277.41; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION  
APPROVED: \$33,277.41.**

**(00-896) PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: 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 #8 - \$24,089.50; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED:  
\$24,089.50.**

- (00-897)      **Communication from Director of Economic Development with RESOLUTION NO. 00-897 Certifying that the REVOLVING LOAN FUND Meets the Requirements of the Economic Development Administration.**
- (00-898)      **Communication from Corporation Counsel with ORDINANCE NO. 15,050 Amending Ordinance No. 15,031 – \$5,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS, SERIES 2000C.**
- (00-899)  
\*      **Communication from Riverfront Development Executive Director Requesting Approval of the WTPV PARKING AGREEMENT By and Between the City of Peoria and ILLINOIS VALLEY PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION.**
- (00-900)  
\*\*      **Communication from Director of Public Works with ORDINANCE to VACATE All of the Rights -of-Way of COMMERCIAL STREET, Located Within BLOCK 44 in BALLANCES ADDITION to the City of Peoria.**
- (00-901)      **Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting ACCEPTANCE of DEDICATION of WIDENING of BRAUER LANE.**
- (00-902)  
\*\*\*      **Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding W. MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT COMPONENTS, with Recommendations as Outlined.**
- (00-903)      **SITE APPROVAL for a CLASS I (ASSEMBLY HALL) with a SUBCLASS #1 (4:00 A.M.) LIQUOR LICENSE for the MADISON THEATER, 107 N.E. MADISON, with Recommendation of the Liquor Commission to Approve.**

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

Council Member Morris and Council Member Ardis requested that Item No. 00-899 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Sandberg, Council Member Morris and Council Member Thetford requested that Item No. 00-900 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Gibson requested that Item No. 00-902 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 00-892 through 00-903, excluding Item Nos. 00-899, 00-900 and 00-902 (which were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays:    None.

- (00-899)  
\*      **Communication from Riverfront Development Executive Director Requesting Approval of the WTPV PARKING AGREEMENT By and Between the City of Peoria and ILLINOIS VALLEY PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION.**

Council Member Morris stated he would be abstaining from discussion and the vote due to his employment with WTPV.

Council Member Ardis referred to the City subsidizing a large portion of the parking lot for WTPV, and he felt this set a precedent that the City should be concerned about in the future.

Following a brief clarification by Council Member Ardis, Council Member Nichting moved to approve the WTVP Parking Agreement by and between the City of Peoria and Illinois Valley Public Telecommunications Corporation; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Duncan, Gibson, Grayeb, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 8;

Nays: Ardis, Thetford – 2;

Abstention: Morris - 1.

**(00-900)      Communication from Director of Public Works with ORDINANCE to VACATE All  
\*\*              of the Rights-of-Way of COMMERCIAL STREET, Located Within BLOCK 44 in  
                    BALLANCES ADDITION to the City of Peoria.**

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle distributed a replacement communication and Ordinance providing a replacement legal description to all members of the Council.

Council Member Morris stated he would be abstaining from discussion and the vote due to his employment with WTVP.

Council Member Sandberg stated he would be abstaining from discussion and the vote due to his business relationship.

In discussion with Council Member Thetford, Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle explained the differences in the original and replacement Ordinance.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance to vacate all of the rights-of-way of Commercial Street, located within Block 44 in Ballances Additions to the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,051 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Morris, Sandberg - 2.

**(00-902)      Communication from Director of Public Works Regarding W. MAIN STREET  
\*\*\*              IMPROVEMENT COMPONENTS, with Recommendations as Outlined.**

Following a brief clarification, Council Member Gibson moved to approve the recommendations, as outlined, regarding W. Main Street Improvement Components; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Clerk's Note: Council Member Duncan did not vote.

- (00-904) **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting the Council  
\*\*\*\* Approve the TENTATIVE 2001 BUDGET, Make It Available for Inspection and  
Set the PUBLIC HEARING for DECEMBER 19, 2000 at 6:15 P.M.**

Council Member Ardis moved to defer this item until after Item No. 00-743 on the Council Agenda; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer this item until after Item No. 00-743 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (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.**

In discussion, Council Member Sandberg requested that this information be passed along to the University-East Neighborhood Association.

Council Member Sandberg moved to receive and file the 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; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

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.**

Council Member Thetford distributed a copy of her recommended changes to the Operating Budget for 2001 to all members of the City Council. Her proposal would not fund the positions of the Human Resources Coordinator, the Assistant Inspections Director and Information Systems Project Leader. She explained that priority vacancies to be filled in 2001 reflecting Council priorities were three Neighborhood Development Specialists and Home Ownership Counselors, the Administrative Specialist III in the City Clerk's Office, and the Treasurer's Office Position. She proposed the \$70,348 difference in these salaries should be transferred to the CIP along with current surplus of \$11,891 in Operations totaling \$82,239. She proposed a total reduction in the amount of \$319,500, which would be added to the \$82,239 from operations and the total of \$401,739 would cover the \$401,716 needed for the 20% Retiree Discount.

Director of Human Resources Pat Parson, Information Systems Director Cathy Roger and Director of Inspections John Kunski explained the vital need of their positions that were considered to be a lessor priority and not to be funded in Council Member Thetford's proposal.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Wayne Anthony distributed a communication to all members of the City Council regarding possible funding for the Neighborhood Development Specialist and Home Counselor Positions. It was pointed out that these two positions may be funded by CDBG federal entitlement funds, but there would still be a deficit of corporate funds in the amount of \$52,338 for the three Neighborhood Development Specialists.

Council Member Duncan expressed concern that this funding was not known earlier in the process since the communication was dated in October, and he requested an investigation into the matter.

Council Member Turner expressed concern that with rising fuel costs, the City should consider increasing their Budget in this area. He added that most companies were increasing their Budget substantially to cover future costs. He indicated that the 2001 Budget for fuel would be difficult, and he said he felt more funds should be placed in that line item of the 2001 Budget.

In discussion, Mr. Van Winkle stated, based on the end of the year 2000, the costs for fuel would run \$110,000 in the red.

Council Member Grayeb spoke in support of an enhancement of user fees, such as an increase in the Amusement Tax. He said a 2% increase would generate \$700,000 per year, and a 5% increase would generate \$1.75 million for the City. He expressed concern about revenues not only for the 2001 Budget, but also the 2002 Budget and beyond.

Mayor Grieves discussed the option of accepting the City Manager's recommendations, using the CDBG funding, and with the assistance of the Neighborhood Development Commission, fund the Neighborhood development positions. He said this would not cut into the Information Systems Department, Human Resources Department and Inspections Department.

Council Member Sandberg distributed a copy of a proposal reflecting reductions in the 2001 Budget to all members of the City Council. He explained his proposal would cover, among other things, a subsidy to the retiree healthcare costs, fund the staff position in the City Clerk's Office, increase staff in the Treasurer's Office, decrease overtime, fund two home owner counselors and two neighborhood specialist positions, and consolidation of the Riverfront Development Department and the Economic Development Department.

Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan pointed out that in the communication provided to the Council on November 28<sup>th</sup>, there was an item missed. She said when Staff reductions were made, some of the positions had CDBG funding and the revenue side was not reduced. She said the amount of the reduction was \$106,260.00.

Council Member Sandberg said his proposal began with a deficit of \$2.5 million. He referred to the commitment to the retirees of \$400,000, but he said only 23% of retirees used the PPO and the \$400,000 was offered to the retirees with a caveat that the retirees raise their participation and use of the PPO to a point of 50%. He said this would have a net effect of saving the City about \$45,000 to \$50,000.

Mayor Grieves spoke in support of retaining the Riverfront Development Department as it was presently structured. He said he felt the continued development of the Riverfront was still important.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that \$500,000 was budgeted for Police overtime for Riverfront special events. He said the taxpayers should not be funding this overtime. He added it was reported that 90% of the Riverfront was completed, with the exception of the Sears Block. He said the consolidation of the two development departments would not collapse that effect. He said the commitment of the Economic Development Department had been reduced since Southtown was almost completed. He said his proposal would reduce the two combined departments by about one-third.



City Manager Michael McKnight stated there was no shortage of economic development work, unless the Council placed a restriction on the work. He urged the Council to retain both Departments so that Riverfront development could be completed.

Council Member Gibson spoke in support of the majority of Council Member Sandberg's proposal, including a change in the structure of the two development departments.

Council Member Turner indicated his support of Council Member Sandberg's proposal, but he felt that without a new revenue stream, this was just placing a "bandage" on the problem. He said the City had no way to fund yearly projected growth in the future. He said, in the future, he would not support any project that did not have a revenue source to support it.

Clerk's Note: Below shows the proposal made by Council Member Sandberg:

**2001 REVISED PRELIMINARY BUDGET WITH REDUCTIONS**

<u>Operating Exceptions</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Net Expenditures</u>
Preliminary Budget	\$ 89,139,224	\$ 90,246,933	\$ 1,420,013
Web Specialist		\$ (56,000)	\$ 2,471,722
Two Counselors		\$ (86,838)	\$ (2,384,884)
Employee Assistance Training		\$ ( 8,000)	\$ (2,376,884)
Sister City Expenses		\$ (19,754)	\$ (2,357,130)
Property Tax Audit Service		\$ (12,000)	\$ (2,345,130)
*Retirees' Healthcare Subsidy		\$ (200,858)	\$ (2,144,272)
Library - Building Services Contract		\$ ( 2,745)	\$ (2,141,527)
Reduce Niagara Deck Repairs		\$ (16,500)	\$ (2,125,027)
Reduce Parking Fee Contingency		\$ (165,000)	\$ (1,960,027)
Reduce Contingency For IMRF Health Insurance		\$ (225,000)	\$ (1,735,027)
Fill Staff - City Clerk		\$ 35,465	\$ (1,770,492)
Increase Staff - City Treasurer		\$ 32,068	\$ (1,802,560)
Neighborhood Development Specialist	\$ 70,840	\$ 105,732	\$ (1,837,452)
Staff Reductions	\$ (106,260)	\$ (528,105)	\$ (1,415,607)
Funded Exceptions	\$ 47,869		\$ (1,367,738)
Reduction in Street Maintenance Program		\$ (250,000)	\$ (1,117,738)
Reduction in Other Employee Benefits		\$ (100,000)	\$ (1,017,738)
Reduction in overtime, personnel expense - Public Works		\$ (100,000)	\$ ( 917,738)
Reduction in overtime, personnel expense - Public Works		\$ (112,000)	\$ ( 805,738)
Other			
Reduction in overtime, personnel expense - Police		\$ (100,000)	\$ (705,738)
Reduction in overtime, personnel expense - Fire		\$ (100,000)	\$ (605,738)
Reduction in other personnel expenses - Police		\$ ( 61,000)	\$ (544,738)
Reduction in Tech Deck Operating Cost		\$ (106,500)	\$ (438,238)
Reduction in Fuel & Energy		\$ (50,000)	\$ (388,238)
Reduction in Contractual - Park District		\$ (200,000)	\$ (188,238)
Reduction			\$ (188,238)
Increase in Operating Revenues	\$ 26,696		\$ (161,542)
Increase in Operating Revenues - Fuel	\$ 28,750		\$ (132,792)
			\$ (132,792)
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2001 Budget	\$ 89,207,119	\$ 88,695,060	\$ 644,851
Consolidation of Riverfront Development and Economic Development Depts.		\$ (331,934)	\$ (199,142)
	\$ 89,207,119	\$ 88,363,126	\$ 843,993

Council Member Ardis moved to accept the proposal regarding the 2001 City of Peoria Operational Budget, as outlined, prepared by Council Sandberg; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner – 6;

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

Council Member Sandberg moved to approve the 2001 CIP Budget as recommended with the movement of money regarding the CDBG funding into Capital to fund the home owner counselor positions; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

In discussion it was pointed out that the funding would cover two Neighborhood Specialists positions and two home ownership counselor positions, which would leave one Neighborhood Specialist position unfunded.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern how the lack of this fifth position would affect citizens in older neighborhoods. He spoke in support of the older neighborhoods and indicated he felt they needed the Council's support.

Council Member Thetford moved to amend the motion to fund the third Neighborhood Specialist position by taking \$30,000 from Fleet Recapitalization and \$23,000 from Radio Communications, both non-discretionary line items; no second was heard.

ESDA Director Kay Harmon and Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle explained how these reductions would affect their departments. It was pointed out by Director Harmon that radios used by the Fire Department were at the end of their life and needed replacement, which was a large expenditure. Mr. Van Winkle explained that money in Fleet Recapitalization funded the entire City's fleet and could jeopardize the delivery of prompt services.

Council Member Thetford moved to amend the motion to direct Staff to identify funds for the third Neighborhood Development Specialist position, in the amount of \$52,866.00; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Nichting moved for a substitute motion to approve the 2001 CIP Budget; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Substitute motion to approve the 2001 CIP Budget was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gibson, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Grieves – 8;

Nays: Duncan, Grayeb, Morris – 3.

Council Member Thetford moved to direct Staff to identify the necessary CDBG or block grant funds for the third Neighborhood Development Specialist position; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Duncan, Morris – 2.

**(00-904)**      **Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting the Council**  
**\*\*\*\***      **Approve the TENTATIVE 2001 BUDGET, Make It Available for Inspection and**  
                 **Set the PUBLIC HEARING for DECEMBER 19, 2000 at 6:15 P.M.**

Council Member Nichting moved to set the Public Hearing regarding the 2001 City of Peoria Budget for December 19, 2000, at 6:15 P.M.; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Motion to set the Public Hearing regarding the 2001 City of Peoria Budget for December 19, 2000, at 6:15 P.M. was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-882) REQUEST to RECONSIDER 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.**

Council Member Gibson moved to reconsider the vote taken on November 28, 2000, regarding 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.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Grayeb - 1.

Council Member Gibson moved to defer this item until the December 19, 2000, Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Council Thetford.

Council Member Sandberg requested that every person who spoke in opposition to the proposed Ordinance be notified by letter that this item was reconsidered and would be discussed again on December 19, 2000.

Council Member Gibson said there would be a neighborhood meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> also.

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

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

Nays: None.

**(00-864) Request for Staff to Contact the Petitioner and Neighbors, Prior to December 12, 2000, Regarding the proposed 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 requested that Staff contact the Petitioner and the neighbors regarding this issue before December 12, 2000.

**(00-884) CONCERN Regarding CILCO'S TREE TRIMMING EFFORTS for LINE CLEARANCE.**

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern again regarding tree trimming conducted by CILCO throughout older neighborhoods. He said he had received more calls from citizens regarding this issue.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Joe Waibel; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

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

Mr. Joe Waibel expressed concern regarding tree trimming in the older sections of the City, such as on Perry Street. He distributed a set of photos for the Council to view showing the manner in which CILCO cut the trees. He said he felt they butchered the trees on City and private properties, and he urged the Council to look into adopting a City code for tree trimming to protect the trees against this kind of cutting.

Mr. Neil Johnson, representing CILCO, explained the rules and regulations of tree trimming. He distributed a diagram and an information sheet to all members of the Council about this service. He said they operated within their guidelines and cut about four-years growth with an effort not to kill the tree, but to provide for line clearance and safety.

Mayor Grieves suggested that this issue could be reviewed by the Peoria Urban Forestry Advisory Board.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray said he knew this had been an issue in Champaign and Normal, Illinois, for some time. He said he had received a copy of the Champaign Ordinance, but there was a question if home rule cities could regulate this or whether the Commerce Commission prevailed. He said it was unclear at this time.

Mr. Johnson said the Ordinances passed by Normal and Champaign were a result of Illinois Power, and their process, which was a six- year line clearing process. He discussed recent legislation, which was passed and enacted this last year that was in compliance with those particular Ordinances, as were the mandates followed by the Commission. He said it was recently tried and adjudicated by the Commission, and he said CILCO received an order less than a month ago requiring the four-year trimming cycle.

In discussion with Council Member Grayeb regarding burned-out bulbs in CILCO street lights, Mr. Johnson urged the Council or citizens to contact his Office if there was ever a problem of getting them replaced.

Mayor Grieves and Council Member Morris left the Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Thetford assumed the Chair.

### NEW BUSINESS

**(00-905) CONSIDERATION of a MOTION to CANCEL REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULED for DECEMBER 26, 2000, AND JANUARY 2, 2001, Due to the Holidays.**

Council Member Nichting moved to cancel regular City Council Meetings scheduled for December 26, 2000, and January 2, 2001, due to the holidays; seconded by Council Member Gibson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Grieves and Council Member Morris returned to the Council Chambers.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL****(00-906) REQUESTS by CITIZENS to Address the CITY COUNCIL.**

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

Mr. Richard Lenz, 134 N. E. Rock Island, expressed concern about the severity of tree trimming in his neighborhood by CILCO. He also expressed concern that the Technology Center was going to charge him for accessing their computers, when he thought it was proposed as a free service to citizens. He added he found it hard to believe this was a win/win situation. He pointed out the grade school in Averyville needed safety signs, and street problems on Perry needed to be fixed.

Mr. Duane Heward, member of the City's Human Resource Commission, thanked the Council for the support. He said he felt the One-Stop Shop made a difference to the community.

Ms. Sue Herring, Executive Director of the Peoria Public Library, pointed out that the Library provided free access to computers and she urged citizens to use the service.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

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

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