

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, December 19, 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, 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 “PATIENCE”****MINUTES**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Executive Session held on December 12, 2000, as printed; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS****(00-921) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the 2001 CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET.**

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2001 City of Peoria Budget; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Grieves opened the Public Hearing at 6:25 P.M.

Mr. Steve Gay, President of the Peoria Public Library Board, discussed the Library's CIP requests and the process the Library used before their requests were taken to the Council for their consideration. He urged the Council to reinstate the \$88,000 needed for computer related expenses and the additional funding needed for the Book Mobile. He referred to additional funding to begin plans for a new Library to serve the citizens in the Northern portion of the City, and he suggested that a joint meeting be held with the City Council to discuss this need and to establish priorities for the future.

Mr. Lyle Dickens, Peoria Public Library Board Member, expressed concern that the Library's request for \$288,000 had been eliminated from the City's Budget, and he encouraged the Council to reinstate the funding.

Mr. Brian Nicholson, 3010 W. Granada Court, spoke against the adoption of the proposed 2001 Budget. He referred to the reductions in parking deck repairs, road maintenance and vehicle maintenance. He said it was his opinion that it was less expensive to maintain things rather than purchase new. He questioned what the costs would be in the future. He urged the Council to retain the people already working for the City.

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

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

- (00-922) **NOTICE OF LAWSUIT on Behalf of MR. JOSEPH A. LUNINI, JR. Regarding Alleged Deprivation of Constitutional Rights.**
- (00-923) **BIDS for WATER MAIN RELOCATION for the PEORIA MINOR LEAGUE**  
\* **BASEBALL STADIUM PROJECT (DOWNTOWN STADIUM PROJECT),**  
**Recommending the Low Bid of J. C. DILLON, INC., in the Amount of \$42,500.00.**
- (00-924) **BIDS for BUILDING DEMOLITION for 202 & 212 N. E. WASHINGTON**  
**STREET, Recommending the Low Bid of KAKK CONSTRUCTION, INC., in the**  
**Amount of \$34,116.24.**
- (00-925) **PAYMENT ESTIMATE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: R. B.**  
**GARRETT AVENUE WIDENING IMPROVEMENT (RICHARD ALLEN DRIVE**  
**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 #9: \$27,595.21; TOTAL AUTHORIZATION APPROVED:**  
**\$27,595.21. (For Information Only)**
- (00-926) **Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of**  
\*\* **the ACQUISITION and RELOCATION SETTLEMENT OFFER for 305-307 N.**  
**STATE STREET and RELOCATION ONLY for 703 S. W. ADAMS STREET**  
**(DOWNTOWN STADIUM PROJECT), in the Amount of \$122,500, and Authorize**  
**the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.**
- (00-927) **Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of a**  
\*\*\* **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT with FEVER RIVER RESEARCH, for**  
**the COMPLETION of HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SURVEYS for the**  
**DOWNTOWN STADIUM and KUMPF/JEFFERSON PARKING LOT**  
**PROJECTS, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$9,116.00, and Authorize the City**  
**Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.**

- (00-928) **\*\*\*\*** Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting that Balances in the COTTAGE DISTRICT ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING PROJECT, the MAPLEWOOD ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING PROJECT, and the AYRES/SHERMAN ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING PROJECT, be REPROGRAMMED to the STONEGATE ROAD SIDEWALK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT.
- (00-929) **\*\*\*\*\*** Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending the BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2000 of the City of Peoria Relating to LIBRARY GRANTS, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, PUBLIC WORKS OVERAGES, and CITY TREASURER CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES.
- (00-930) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE NO. 15,055 Approving the FINAL PLAT of PINE TREE CROSSING SECOND ADDITION SUBDIVISION, Located at the Northeast Corner of Allen Road and Pioneer Parkway.
- (00-931) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Approval of the ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES FOR 2000.
- (00-932) **REPORTS:**
- A. Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Regarding the OCTOBER 2000 REVENUE AND OPERATING EXPENDITURE REPORT UNAUDITED.
  - B. CITY TREASURER REPORT – November, 2000.
  - C. PEORIA CIVIC CENTER REPORT – October, 2000.

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

Council Member Duncan requested that Item Nos. 00-923 and 00-929 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Sandberg requested that Item No. 00-928 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Turner and Council Member Nichting requested that Item No. 00-927 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Nichting requested that Item Nos. 00-923 and 00-926 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 00-922 through 00-932, excluding Item Nos. 00-923, 00-926, 00-927, 00-928 and 00-929 (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.

- (00-923) \* BIDS for WATER MAIN RELOCATION for the PEORIA MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PROJECT (DOWNTOWN STADIUM PROJECT), Recommending the Low Bid of J. C. DILLON, INC., in the Amount of \$42,500.00.**

Council Member Nichting stated he would abstain from the vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the Downtown Stadium Project.

Council Member Duncan moved to accept the low bid of J. C. Dillon, Inc., in the amount of \$42,500.00 for the water main relocation for the Peoria Minor League Baseball Stadium Project (Downtown Stadium Project); seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

- (00-926) \*\* Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of the ACQUISITION and RELOCATION SETTLEMENT OFFER for 305-307 N. STATE STREET and RELOCATION ONLY for 703 S. W. ADAMS STREET (DOWNTOWN STADIUM PROJECT), in the Amount of \$122,500, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.**

Council Member Nichting stated he would abstain from the vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the Downtown Stadium Project.

Council Member Turner moved to approve the acquisition and relocation settlement offer for 305-307 N. State Street and relocation only for 703 S. W. Adams Street (Downtown Stadium Project), in the amount of \$122,500, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

- (00-927) \*\*\* Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of a PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT with FEVER RIVER RESEARCH, for the COMPLETION of HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SURVEYS for the DOWNTOWN STADIUM and KUMPF/JEFFERSON PARKING LOT PROJECTS, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$9,116.00, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.**

Council Member Nichting stated he would abstain from the vote due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the Downtown Stadium Project.

After obtaining the EEO number from Director of Economic Development, Council Member Turner moved to approve the Professional Services Contract with Fever River Research for the completion of historical and architectural surveys for the Downtown Stadium and Kumpf/Jefferson Parking Lot Projects, in an amount not to exceed \$9,116.00, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Motion to approve the Professional Services Contract with Fever River Research for the completion of historical and architectural surveys for the Downtown Stadium and Kumpf/Jefferson Parking Lot Projects, in an amount not to exceed \$9,116.00, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

**(00-928)      Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting that Balances in the  
\*\*\*\*      COTTAGE DISTRICT ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING PROJECT, the  
             MAPLEWOOD ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING PROJECT, and the  
             AYRES/SHERMAN ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING PROJECT, be  
             REPROGRAMMED to the STONEGATE ROAD SIDEWALK SPECIAL  
             ASSESSMENT PROJECT.**

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that the City had not funded the Special Service District enough to meet the demands. He suggested that funds be used to finish the ornamental lighting in the one block in the Cottage District.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle said he was sensitive to Council Member Sandberg's point, and he said he would be willing to give that project top priority, if it was the will of the Council.

Council Member Sandberg moved to allocate money from one of the 2001 projects for the ornamental lighting for the one face block in the Cottage District, and authorize the balances in the Cottage District Ornamental Lighting Project, the Maplewood Ornamental Lighting Project, and the Ayres/Sherman Ornamental Lighting Project be reprogrammed to the Stonegate Road Sidewalk Special Assessment Project; seconded by Council Member Gibson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-929)      Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE Amending  
\*\*\*\*\*      the BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2000 of the City of Peoria Relating to LIBRARY  
             GRANTS, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, PUBLIC WORKS OVERAGES, and CITY  
             TREASURER CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES.**

After a brief clarification, Council Member Duncan moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2000 of the City of Peoria relating to Library Grants, Employee Benefits, Public Works Overages, and City Treasurer Contractual Expenses; seconded by Council Member Morris.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,056 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-933)      Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting  
             Approval of the HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION (HRC) FUNDING  
             RECOMMENDATIONS for 2001.**

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Ms. Diana Joseph; seconded by Council Member Gibson.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Ms. Diana Joseph.

Ms. Diana Joseph, Chairperson of the Human Resources Commission, explained their commission had received over \$1 million in requests for the year 2001. She said even though the CDBG funding increased, the City Council decided not to fund the Human Resources with the full 15% so this added to the task. She said the \$367,350 provided funding for 26 programs.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the Human Resources Commission (HRC) funding recommendations for 2001; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-934) Communication from Director of Economic Development Requesting Approval of the AGREEMENT and CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE for the RIVER STATION PROPERTY Located at 212 S. W. WATER STREET.**

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray distributed a replacement agreement and Consent to Assignment of Lease for the River Station property located at 212 S. W. Water Street to all members of the Council.

Director of Economic Development Dave Dobson explained the agreement and said there was a list of default items that had been agreed upon.

Council Member Duncan moved to approve the replacement agreement and Consent to Assignment of Lease for the River Station property located at 212 S. W. Water Street; seconded by Council Member Turner.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Mr. Dobson stated in the future, the City would systematically be inspecting the facility at least annually, if not every six months, to make sure it stayed in good repair.

Council Member Sandberg said he would like to make sure that some department would be assigned that responsibility.

Mr. Dobson said the lead department would be the Economic Development Department, with technical assistance from the Public Works Department.

Motion to approve the replacement agreement and Consent to Assignment of Lease for the River Station property located at 212 S. W. Water Street was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-935) Communication from Corporation Counsel Recommendation Adoption of the Following:**

- A. **ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 11,637 (Previously amended by Ordinance Nos. 11,662, 11,948, and 13,065), Relating to ESTABLISHING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT as an ENTERPRISE ZONE INCENTIVE;**

Council Member Duncan moved to adopt the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 11,637 (previously amended by Ordinance Nos. 11,662, 11,948, and 13,065) relating to establishing property tax abatement as an Enterprise Zone Incentive; seconded by Council Member Gibson.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,057, amending Ordinance No. 11,637, was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

**B. ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 11,051, Relating to PROPERTY LOCATED IN BOTH THE ENTERPRISE ZONE and a REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA Shall Not be Eligible for any Abatement of Taxes under Section 18-170 of the Property Tax Code for New Improvements or the Renovation or Rehabilitation of Existing Improvements.**

Council Member Duncan moved to adopt the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 11,051, relating to property located in both the Enterprise Zone and a Redevelopment Project Area, which shall not be eligible for any abatement of taxes under Section 18-170 of the Property Tax Code for new improvements or the renovation or rehabilitation of existing improvements; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,058, amending Ordinance No. 11,051, was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

**(00-936) Communication from Corporation Counsel with ORDINANCE Adopting TAX INCREMENT FINANCING for the City of Peoria, in Connection with the DESIGNATION of the NORTHSIDE BUSINESS PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.**

Council Member Thetford moved to adopt the Ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the City of Peoria, in connection with the designation of the Northside Business Park Redevelopment Project Area; seconded by Council Member Duncan.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,059 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-937) Communication from Corporation Counsel Recommending Adoption of the Following:**

**A. ORDINANCE Approving the DOWNTOWN STADIUM TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT;**

Council Member Nichting stated he would abstain from the vote due to his ownership of property within the Downtown Stadium Project Area.

Council Member Duncan moved to adopt the Ordinance approving the Downtown Stadium Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,060 approving the Downtown Stadium Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Sandberg - 1;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

**B. ORDINANCE Designating the DOWNTOWN STADIUM REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA;**

Council Member Nichting stated he would abstain from the vote due to his ownership of property within the Downtown Stadium Project Area.

Council Member Duncan moved to adopt the Ordinance approving the Downtown Stadium Redevelopment Project Area; seconded by Council Member Morris.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,061 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Sandberg - 1;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

**C. ORDINANCE Adopting TAX INCREMENT FINANCING for the City of Peoria, in Connection with the DESIGNATION of the DOWNTOWN STADIUM REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.**

Council Member Nichting stated he would abstain from the vote due to his ownership of property within the Downtown Stadium Project Area.

Council Member Duncan moved to adopt the Ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the City of Peoria, in connection with the designation of the Downtown Stadium Redevelopment Project Area; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,062 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Sandberg - 1;

Abstention: Nichting - 1.

**(00-938) Communication from Corporation Counsel with ORDINANCE Adopting TAX INCREMENT FINANCING for the City of Peoria, in Connection with the DESIGNATION of the MID-TOWN PLAZA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.**

Council Member Thetford moved to adopt the Ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the City of Peoria, in connection with the designation of the Mid-Town Plaza Redevelopment Project Area; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,063 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Sandberg – 1.

**(00-939) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Approving a STREET NAME CHANGE in the City of Peoria from W. BRAUER ROAD to W. RIDGEVIEW DRIVE.**



Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance approving a street name change in the City of Peoria from W. Brauer Road to W. Ridgeview Drive; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,064 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-940) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 14,990 Extending the MORATORIUM on OFF-PREMISE SIGN PERMITS until April 30, 2001.**

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14,990 extending the moratorium for off-premise sign permits until April 30, 2001; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,065, amending Ordinance No. 14,990, was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-941) Communication from the Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 1004-06, 1008, 1012 W. BRADLEY AVENUE and 710, 712, 716 N. UNIVERSITY STREET from the Present Class R-4 District (Single Family Residential) and a Class R-6 District (Multi-Family Residential) to a Class N-1 District (Institutional).**

Council Member Gibson stated she would abstain due to her employment with Bradley University.

Council Member Sandberg moved to adopt an Ordinance rezoning property located at 1004-06, 1008, 1012 W. Bradley Avenue and 710, 712, 716 N. University Street from the present Class R-4 District (Single Family Residential) and a Class R-6 District (Multi-Family Residential) to a Class N-1 District (Institutional); seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,066 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Gibson - 1.

**(00-942) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 14,787, an EXISTING SPECIAL USE in a Class C-1 District (General Commercial) for LOCAL SIGN REGULATIONS for the Addition of a SIGN for Property Located at 6915 N. KNOXVILLE AVENUE, with Conditions.**

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14,787, an Existing Special Use in a Class C-1 District (General Commercial) for local sign regulations for the addition of a sign for property located at 6915 N. Knoxville Avenue, with conditions; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,067, amending Ordinance No. 14,787, was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (00-943) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 14,612, an EXISTING SPECIAL USE in a Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) for a SHOPPING CENTER to Include an Additional FREESTANDING SIGN for Property Located at 4810 N. UNIVERSITY STREET, with Conditions.**

Council Member Spears moved to adopt the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14,612, an Existing Special Use in a Class C-2 District (Large Scale commercial) for a Shopping Center to include an additional freestanding sign for property located at 4810 N. University Street, with conditions; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,068, amending Ordinance No. 14,612, was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (00-944) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 13,614, an EXISTING SPECIAL USE in a Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) for a SHOPPING CENTER to Allow EXPANSION of SAM'S CLUB and to Include a SELF SERVICE GAS STATION for Property Located at 4100 W. WILLOW KNOLLS DRIVE.**

In discussion with Council Member Nichting, Corporation Counsel Randy Ray said the issue of this gas station to be located at Sam's and whether or not they would sell alcohol should be discussed at the Liquor Commission level to determine alternatives.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 13,614, an Existing Special Use in a Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) for a Shopping Center to allow expansion of Sam's Club and to include a self service gas station for property located at 4100 W. Willow Knolls Drive, with the understanding that the sale of alcoholic beverage issue would be discussed with the Liquor Commission; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Council Member Sandberg suggested that a notice be given to those parties interested in this issue so that discussion could address all concerns.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,069 amending Ordinance No. 13,614, an Existing Special Use in a Class C-2 District (Large Scale Commercial) for a Shopping Center to allow expansion of Sam's Club and to include a self service gas station for property located at 4100 W. Willow Knolls Drive, with the understanding that the sale of alcoholic beverage issue would be discussed with the Liquor Commission was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (00-945) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with RESOLUTION Adopting the 2001 BUDGET for the CITY OF PEORIA, with LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.**

City Manager Michael McKnight distributed a copy of the 2001 Revised Preliminary Budget with reductions to all members of the Council, as proposed from the December 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Council Member Turner expressed concern that the 2001 Budget did not address some key issues. He said there was only \$6.5 million in fund balance, which would cover about one month, and if the economy turned, he felt this could be a problem. He said there were labor contracts currently being negotiated and pending litigation that could affect the budget. He added that all proceeds from the Utility Tax, by 2004, would go toward debt service, and there were increased costs for healthcare and energy

costs. He suggested that sometime in the middle of 2001, the Council should hold a meeting to discuss the Budget and the budget process.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Finance Director/Comptroller Ellie Hogan explained that on the fourth page of the City Manager's transmittal letter, the \$165,000 under "Increases in Operating Appropriations" for the elimination of parking revenue for debt coverage replacement should be deleted, and on the seventh Page, the \$165,000 under "Major Increases" for the decrease in parking due to Council eliminating paid parking on the Riverfront should also be deleted.

In further discussion with Council Member Sandberg regarding the \$88,000 for Library computers and \$40,000 for the Book Mobile, Ms. Hogan stated funds that should be used were in the Library's fund balance.

In discussion, Council Member Gibson suggested the Library Board be assigned a Council liaison.

Council Member Turner moved to adopt the Resolution adopting the 2001 Budget for the City of Peoria, with a Letter of Transmittal, and the 2001 Revised Preliminary Budget with reductions, as proposed from the December 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

RESOLUTION NO. 00-945 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Duncan - 1.

**(00-946) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller with ORDINANCE LEVYING the TAXES for FISCAL YEAR 2001 for MUNICIPAL PURPOSES for the City of Peoria.**

Council Member Thetford moved to adopt the Ordinance levying the Taxes for fiscal year 2001 for Municipal Purposes for the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,070 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-947) Communication from Director of Planning and Growth Management with ORDINANCE LEVYING a TAX for the FISCAL YEAR 2001 for the EAST BLUFF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES SPECIAL SERVICE AREA. (Business Plan on File in the City Clerk's Office)**

Council Member Thetford moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Walter Ratledge; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Grieves granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Walter Ratledge.

Mr. Walter Ratledge, President of the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services, discussed the future plans for the East Bluff and their goals.

Council Member Thetford moved to adopt the Ordinance levying a Tax for the fiscal year 2001 for the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services Special Service Area; seconded by Council Member Gibson.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,071 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(00-948) Communication from Finance Director/Comptroller Recommending Adoption of the Following for WEAVERRIDGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS:**

**A. ORDINANCE LEVYING a TAX for FISCAL YEAR 2001 for the WEAVERRIDGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PARCEL A-GOLF COURSE;**

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance levying a Tax for fiscal year 2001 for the WeaverRidge Special Service Area Parcel A-Golf Course; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,072 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**B. ORDINANCE LEVYING a TAX for FISCAL YEAR 2001 for the WEAVERRIDGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PARCEL D;**

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt an Ordinance levying a Tax for fiscal year 2001 for the WeaverRidge Special Service Area Parcel D; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,073 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**C. ORDINANCE LEVYING a TAX for FISCAL YEAR 2001 for the WEAVERRIDGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PARCEL E;**

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt an Ordinance levying a Tax for fiscal year 2001 for the WeaverRidge Special Service Area Parcel E; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,074 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**D. ORDINANCE LEVYING a TAX for FISCAL YEAR 2001 for the WEAVERRIDGE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA LOW DENSITY, MEDIUM DENSITY, HIGH DENSITY AND SUBDIVIDED PARCEL F.**

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance levying a Tax for fiscal year 2001 for the WeaverRidge Special Service Area Low Density, Medium Density, High Density and Subdivided Parcel F; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,075 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (00-949) Communication from Director of Human Resources Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a STOP LOSS INSURANCE CONTRACT through EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CORPORATION, and Execute an INTERIM CONTRACT with a LARGE CASE MANAGEMENT FIRM Acceptable to the STOP LOSS CARRIER until Such Time RFP's can be Conducted.**

Council Member Thetford moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a Stop Loss Insurance Contract through Employee Benefits Corporation, and execute an interim contract with a large case management firm acceptable to the Stop Loss Carrier with such time RFP's could be conducted; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (00-950) CITY MANAGER REPORT to CITY COUNCIL.**

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (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, with a Request from Council Member Gibson to Defer.**

Council Member Gibson moved to defer this item until the January 9, 2001, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Motion to defer this item until January 9, 2001, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (00-075) DISCUSSION Regarding PARKING RATES at CITY-OWNED and/or OPERATED PARKING FACILITIES and on the RIVERFRONT.**

Council Member Grayeb proposed that parking rates in the Riverfront area be aligned with downtown parking rates after 5:00 P.M. on weekdays, weekends and holidays, with the exception of special events. He said he felt this was driven by fiscal concerns for the Riverfront. He requested that City Manager Michael McKnight address this issue.

Mr. McKnight stated it was his understanding that businesses on the Riverfront were not doing well and one of the reasons was the charge for parking. He said if those businesses failed, the impact on the City would be serious in that the City would inherit the entire debt. He said he did not feel there would be a \$165,000 shortfall, as earlier projected. He agreed there was a good possibility that any shortfall could be made up by additional sales taxes, increases in the real estate increment, as well as the parking receipts already obtained from the downtown area.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt a fair parking plan for the Riverfront, effective January 1, 2001; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Grayeb 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. Kert Huber, 611 S. W. Washington, spoke on behalf of many business owners in the Riverfront area, and he said that the proposed free parking plan was vital to those who had made investments.

Ms. Amy Vonachen, Chairman of the PRIDE Commission, said that business owners on the Riverfront were committed to keeping the area moving in a positive direction. She said the businesses were still growing and she urged the Council to assist in making the area prosperous for the City.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding how this would impact parking in different areas of the downtown, and different parking decks. A reference was made to Resolution No. 00-075-C, which was passed on October 10, 2000, that there would be no charge for parking in City parking lots, deck and garages, except for Twin Towers Garage, Jefferson Street Parking Deck, Niagara Decks, Technology Center Deck and River Center Deck, after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends, and all day on City holidays, contingent on the establishment of a Special Service District Parking Plan, which would require an Ordinance be adopted at a later date.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray suggested that a motion could be made to remove the contingency on Resolution No. 00-075-C, if that would be agreeable to Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Grayeb moved to remove the contingency on the establishment of a Special Service District Parking Plan, which would require an Ordinance to be adopted later, and allow Resolution No. 00-075-C to stand and become effective January 1, 2001; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Ardis, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears - 4.

### NEW BUSINESS

**(00-951) Communication from Mayor Lowell G. Grieves Requesting Authorization for the Riverfront Commission to REVIEW and NEGOTIATE a CONSULTING CONTRACT with MR. TOM TINCHER Reflecting the Terms and Work Tasks to Staff the Riverfront Business District Commission, and Authorize the City Manager to Utilize the \$65,000 in Riverfront Consulting Dollars for Mr. Tinchler's Contract, with the Intent that the Contract would come before the Council for their Consideration**

Mayor Grieves distributed a copy of a communication regarding the Riverfront Business District Commission Staffing to all members of the City Council.

City Manager Michael McKnight stated Riverfront Capital Fund Balance would be used to pay the \$65,000.00.

Council Member Duncan moved to authorize the City Manager to utilize \$65,000 in Riverfront consulting dollars and to draft and execute a Consulting Contract with Mr. Tom Tinchler reflecting the terms and work tasks to staff the Riverfront Business District Commission; seconded by Council Member Turner.

In discussion with Council Member Morris, Mr. McKnight suggested that the Riverfront Commission negotiate the contract and bring the proposal before the City Council for approval. He said a primary concern was that the Riverfront was not complete and many details needed to be worked out.

Council Member Duncan amended his motion to authorize the Riverfront Commission to review and negotiate a Consulting Contract with Mr. Tom Tincher reflecting the terms and work tasks to staff the Riverfront Business District Commission, and authorize the City Manager to utilize the \$65,000 in Riverfront consulting dollars for Mr. Tincher's contract, with the intent that the contract would come before the Council for their consideration; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern regarding the use of this money. He indicated he felt the money could be used for other commitments.

Council Member Spears suggested obtaining the scope of work first and determine what needed to be accomplished, then hire a consultant so it would be known how the \$65,000 would be spent. He said he would like to review the scope of the work and then determine the costs involved.

Motion to authorize the Riverfront Commission to review and negotiate a Consulting Contract with Mr. Tom Tincher reflecting the terms and work tasks to staff the Riverfront Business District Commission and authorize the City Manager to utilize the \$65,000 in Riverfront consulting dollars for Mr. Tincher's contract, with the intent that the contract would come before the Council for their consideration was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Ardis, Gibson, Sandberg, Spears - 4.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **(00-743) PRESENTATION of PETITIONS, Bearing over 4,000 Signatures OPPOSING an Increase in the AMUSEMENT TAX.**

Council Member Nichting presented Petitions bearing over 4,000 signatures opposing an increase in the Amusement Tax to City Clerk Mary Haynes and asked that these be entered into the record.

No objection was heard by the Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **(00-952) DISCUSSION Regarding the Manner in which the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Responded to Several Snow Storms Occurring Between December 11 and December 19, 2000.**

Discussion was held regarding the manner in which the Public Works Department provided service to citizens during recent snow storms. It was stated that the majority of the thoroughfares were cleared quickly, but some neighborhood streets were not plowed totally.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle discussed the Snow Plan Routes and how the City was covered. He said with the amount of accumulation, it was a difficult job, but he commended his staff on giving 100% to the task. He also discussed the hours it took to set up the equipment with snow plowing and spreading attachments.

Several Council Members said they received some complaints, but still commended Mr. Van Winkle and his department for their efforts during a difficult week.

Council Member Thetford and Council Member Gibson requested that the issue of plowing alleys should be discussed. It was pointed out that if residents whose garages were located on alleys could not get into their garages, they parked their cars on the streets, which was suppose to be cleared for plowing, and this created further problems with ticketing and clearing.

It was also suggested that other department employees, like employees of the Inspections Department, alert Mr. Van Winkle's department about problems or potential problems relating to snow.

Mr. McKnight indicated the issue of alley plowing would be reviewed.

Council Member Grayeb requested that the snow routes be aligned with bus routes for five school districts in the City for safety purposes.

Mr. Van Winkle indicated he would be willing to meet with District No. 150 officials and other school districts to get a stronger correlation in the routes.

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

Mr. Josh Doren, 1014 W. Thrush, referred to extreme snow conditions in the past week and expressed concern that the sidewalks were filled with snow, which forced walkers to walk in the street. He questioned whose responsibility it was to maintain sidewalks for safety because he had to walk to work.

Mr. Van Winkle explained that it was a City policy that all property owners along streets should be maintaining their own sidewalks so they were usable.

Council Member Thetford said this situation was also a problem for school children walking to and from schools.

**(00-953) REQUEST to Direct Staff to Clarify and Establish an Ordinance for Council to Review that would ELIMINATE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT CAUSED BY A SPOUSE OF ANY CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF PEORIA, OR AFFILIATE, FOR GOODS AND SERVICES.**

Council Member Turner moved to direct Staff to clarify and establish an Ordinance for Council to review that would eliminate any potential conflict caused by a spouse of any City Council member entering into a contract with the City of Peoria, or affiliate, for goods and services; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

In discussion, it was clarified that this would be outside consultant-type contracts.

Motion to direct Staff to clarify and establish an Ordinance for Council to review that would eliminate any potential conflict caused by a spouse of any City Council member entering into a contract with the City of Peoria, or affiliate, for goods and services was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Grayeb - 1.

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

**(00-954) REQUEST by CITIZENS to ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.**

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



Mr. Brian Nicholson, 3010 W. Granada Court, urged the Council to remember that it was also Christmas time for those employees who had been laid off because of reductions made in the 2001 City Budget.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**(00-955) Consideration of a Motion for the City Council to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concern salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.**

Council Member Nichting moved to go into Executive Session to discuss 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concern salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

### **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 10:10 P.M.

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

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