OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, January 27, 2004, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:15 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, Mayor David P. Ransburg presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Council Members present: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris (arrived at 6:20 P.M.), Nichting, Sandberg (arrived at 6:25 P.M.), Spears (arrived at 6:20 P.M.), Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11; Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ransburg requested a moment of silent prayer and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM

PROCLAMATION: CENTRAL ILLINOIS LANDMARKS FOUNDATION: GOLDEN HAMMER AWARDS

PROCLAMATION: ILLINOIS POLICE BENEVOLENT PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

PROCLAMATION: PEORIA HIGH SCHOOL BAND

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Ransburg announced that January 27th was Council Member Thetford's birthday and he wished her a Happy Birthday.

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Executive Session held on January 20, 2004, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;
Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, for the City of Peoria, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(04-029) NOTICE of LAWSUIT filed by ALLAN O. MOORE, SR. Regarding a Civil Rights Claim Relating to an Incident of December 1, 1987.

(04-030) **Communication from the City Manager and the Superintendent of Police Requesting Approval of a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of SEVEN (7) STALKER DSR 2X MULTI-DIRECTIONAL SENSING FIXED MOUNT RADAR UNITS from APPLIED CONCEPTS, INC. and SEVEN (7) MOBILE CAMERA INTERFACE UNITS from MOBILE VISION, INC. to be Installed in New and Current Traffic Unit Police Vehicles, in the Total Amount of $23,485.00.**

(04-031) **Communication from the City Manager and the Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,575 Rezoning Property Located at 623 S. MacARTHUR HIGHWAY, 912 W. BUTLER, 916 W. BUTLER, and 615-617 S. MacARTHUR from the Present Class C-1 (General Commercial) District and R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) District, AND Rezoning Property Located at 501 and 505-507 S. MacARTHUR HIGHWAY from a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District to a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District.**

(04-032) **Communication from the City Manager and the Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 15,576 Amending Ordinance No. 8939, an EXISTING SPECIAL EXCEPTION in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District for CHURCH FACILITIES to Include BUILDING ADDITIONS for Property Located at 7116 N. TERRA VISTA DRIVE.**

(04-033) **REPORTS, with Recommendation to Receive and File:**

A. **TOWN of the CITY of PEORIA FINANCIAL REPORT – Period Ending 12/31/03.**

B. **PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT – December 31, 2003.**

C. **PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT – December 31, 2003.**

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

Item Nos. 04-029 through 04-033 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;
Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(03-691) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting that this Item be REMOVED from the TABLE and that COUNCIL TAKE ACTION to ADOPT the ORDINANCE DISSOLVING the RIVERFRONT BUSINESS DISTRICT COMMISSION, and REPEALING SECTIONS 2-236 Through 2-239 of the Code of the City of Peoria.**

Council Member Nichting moved to remove from the Table the Ordinance Dissolving the Riverfront Business District Commission; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to remove from the Table the Ordinance Dissolving the Riverfront Business District Commission was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;
Nays: None.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance dissolving the Riverfront Business District Commission and repealing Sections 2-236 through 2-239 of the Code of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,577 was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;
Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

(04-034) ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding AWARD of QUESTYS SOFTWARE to the CITY CLERK for Use in Creating a PAPERLESS AGENDA and COUNCIL AGENDA PACKETS on the City's Web Site, AND CANCELLATION of the FEBRUARY 24, 2004, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Council Member Turner announced that City Clerk Mary Haynes won a software package from Questys Solutions, valued at over $33,000, which would give the City Council the ability of having a paperless agenda and having the ability for the Council Agenda Packet to be available on the City's web site. He said the prize would enable the City Clerk to reformat the document imaging program implemented several years ago, and this software package would enhance services in the City Clerk's Office. He explained as part of the change-over, the City Clerk's Office would receive training from the Questys' training staff the week of February 23, 2004, and had requested that the February 24, 2004, Council Meeting be canceled so that the City Clerk's Office could focus on their training that week.

Council Member Turner moved to cancel the February 24, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Motion to cancel the February 24, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;
Nays: None.

City Clerk Mary Haynes commended the efforts of Information Systems Director Cathy Roger and her Staff for their invaluable assistance in this endeavor.

CONGRATULATIONS on the SUCCESS of the MARTIN LUTHER KING LUNCHEON

Council Member Thetford wished her son a Happy 18th Birthday on January 28, 2004.

Council Member Thetford congratulated the Public Employees for Community Concerns and the efforts of City Public Information Officer Alma Brown for the wonderful program presented at the Martin Luther King Luncheon. She said there were over 2,000 people in attendance and it was a great success.

ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding DISCOVERY FORUM 2004 – A CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY

Council Member Teplitz announced for the second year in a row that Discovery Forum 2004 – A Celebration of Creativity would be held on February 6, 2004, from 8:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. at the Peoria Civic Center. She said the event was sponsored by ArtsPartners, PeoriaNext and a grant from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois. She urged Council Members and the public to attend.

EAST BLUFF UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Council Member Thetford said she attended the East Bluff United Neighborhood Association Meeting, along with the new City Manager, his wife and members of the City Staff. She thanked Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes for her work and her Staff's work in putting the meeting together. She said members of the POP team and the Police Chief had attended. She added that the meeting was a huge benefit to the neighborhood.

(04-035) REQUEST for REPORT BACK Regarding the HOUSE FIRE on January 25, 2004, and DEPLOYMENT OF EQUIPMENT and WHAT PIECES OF EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED PRIOR TO THE RECENT TRANSFER of FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

Council Member Sandberg said on Sunday, January 25, 2004, there was a house fire at Pierson Hills, located at the end of Nebraska Street and two young children were injured. He said this fire was in the general proximity of the Armstrong Fire Station and he requested a report back regarding the deployment status and the manner in which the fire was attacked, and what pieces of equipment would have been deployed prior to the recent change and transfer of fire fighting equipment.

ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding TOWN HALL MEETING to be Held on JANUARY 29, 2004, at RIVERWEST FRANK CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTER

Council Member Gulley reminded the Council and the public that a Town Hall Meeting would be held on Thursday, January 29, 2004, at the RiverWest Frank Campbell Community Center. He encouraged the Council and citizens in the First District to attend.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

(04-036) REQUEST from CITIZENS to Address the CITY COUNCIL Regarding VARIOUS ISSUES.

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

Ms. Levetta Ricca, 711 S. Greenlawn, requested assistance from the City Council regarding safety in her neighborhood. She discussed incidents which had occurred recently involving 20 to 25 teens fighting in the street and causing damage to property as they ran from the Police. She said in other incidents tires had been slashed on Greenlawn, Ann and Blaine Streets. She added, there had been theft of property, elderly neighbors had been threatened by these teens, and cars had been damaged. She said additional POP officers were needed and she requested that the new City Manager provide assistance to the neighborhood. She expressed concern that residents were planning to move out of the neighborhood or they would be taking matters into their own hands. She said the residents were trying to help make their neighborhood a safe place to live, but she indicated they could not do it alone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Mary L. Haynes, MMC
City Clerk, Peoria, IL

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