

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, March 16, 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, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11; Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ransburg requested a moment of silent prayer and then Boy Scout Troop #1 from Peoria Christian School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: CITYLINK STUFF A BUS CAMPAIGN

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting and Executive Sessions held on March 9, 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:

- (04-091) NOTICE OF LAWSUIT on Behalf of DALE GRAFELMAN Regarding his Rights to Certain Benefits Including Municipal Funded Health Insurance, with Recommendation to Receive and File and Refer to the Legal Department.**
- (04-092) TAG DAY REQUEST by the AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 2 Requesting Permission to Hold Their ANNUAL POPPY DAY to Distribute Poppies for Donations on Main, Jefferson and Adams Street Sidewalks on May 20, 2004 between 11:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M., with a Rain Date of MAY 21, 2004. (Date is Open)**
- (04-093) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Authorization to PURCHASE FLEET EQUIPMENT From TRUCK CENTERS, INC. (With Trade-In) for a Total Amount of \$136,180.00.**

- (04-094) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Authorization for the SETTLEMENT of PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM Made by LLOYD SCHUMACHER Regarding Property Loss at 1512 N. LINN, which Occurred July 1, 2003, in the Amount of \$40,000.00.**
- (04-095) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Enter into an ADDENDUM to a 1966 LEASE AGREEMENT with the PEORIA PARK DISTRICT Regarding Property Located at 3615 N. GRANDVIEW DRIVE Pertaining to Replacement of a Tower.**
- (04-096) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of an AMENDMENT to the CONTRACT with HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC. for the FORREST HILL PHASE IV PROJECT to Provide Land Acquisition Services and Additional Services for Work on Side Streets, and Requesting Approval of a SUPPLEMENTAL MFT RESOLUTION NO. 04-096 in the Amount of \$51,705.00.**
- (04-097)
* **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to LICENSES to SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES in GROCERY STORES Where a GASOLINE STATION is ATTACHED, Pertaining to Clarifying the Requirement of \$500,000 Gross Wholesale Purchases.**
- (04-098) **Communication from the City Manager Requesting COUNCIL SET A DATE for a COUNCIL RETREAT on APRIL 3, 2004, to Be Held at Workforce Development, 211 Fulton Street, Suite 300, Room 338, Executive Board Room, from 8:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. to Set Realistic Goals and Objectives for the City of Peoria.**

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

Council Member Thetford requested that Item No. 04-097 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 04-091 through 04-098 (excluding Item No. 04-097 which was removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion) 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.

- (04-097)
* **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Recommending Adoption of ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to LICENSES to SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES in GROCERY STORES Where a GASOLINE STATION is ATTACHED, Pertaining to Clarifying the Requirement of \$500,000 Gross Wholesale Purchases.**

Council Member Thetford stated she would not be voting in favor of the proposed Ordinance.

Council Member Teplitz moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to licenses to sell alcoholic beverages in grocery stores where a gasoline station is attached, pertaining to clarifying the requirement of \$500,000 gross wholesale purchases; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,597 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 10;

Nays: Thetford - 1.

(04-099) Communication from Council Member Grayeb Requesting Authorization for MS. DIANA JOSEPH, Chairman of the Human Resources Commission, to Address the Council Regarding PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIZATION.

Council Member Grayeb said it had been suggested by some Council Members that the City Council should weigh in and provide some programmatic direction for the activities of the Human Resources Commission as they set about the job of determining how the 15% set-aside Community Development Block Grant funds would be used to help groups within the community. He said they were just at the beginning of their deliberations and would soon be sending out requests for proposals, and he indicated he felt it was important to satisfy the Council's request to give any input they might have which related to programmatic prioritization and engage in discussion openly. He commended HRC Chairman Diana Joseph for the outstanding job she had done as Chairman. He said during his time as the Council liaison to the commission, the focus had been on youth activities, programs for senior citizens, and program initiatives which would benefit neighborhoods.

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

Ms. Diana Joseph, 7200 N. University Street, Chairman of the Human Resource Commission explained the HRC would soon begin reviewing and visiting programs which were recommended for funding last year. She said they would begin the process of sending out request for proposals that would be funded in 2005. She said a dilemma that the Commission was facing was that HUD guidelines required that they follow the five-year City Plan. She said the five-year plan would come to term this year and they were working in conjunction with the City to develop a new five-year plan which would not be presented until the end of the year, but the funding process began in October. She said this was the reason they were before the Council requesting guidance. She added the Commission would also be working closely with City Staff.

In discussion with Council Member Turner regarding guidelines for multi-funding year commitments, Chairman Joseph said this had been a concern for the Commission also. She explained there were limitations and when the same programs were funded for an additional years, it had to be shown that they were able to perform their services so there would be an increase in services and they could not continue to do the same thing and serve the same number year after year. She agreed with Council Member Turner that the Commission was also concerned that some agencies became dependent on the funding. She said the Commission had encouraged agencies to understand that the City could not fund programs completely. She added this was the reason full budget disclosure was requested as part of the process. She responded to another question from Council Member Turner and said that she worked with HUD on obtaining examples of how other commissions in other cities performed their duties so they could make comparisons.

In discussion with Council Member Spears regarding the last possible date the Council could provide input to the Commission regarding direction, Chairman Joseph said she would review the schedule and provide that information to the Council through Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Spears questioned if it had been considered by the Commission to fund just one or two major programs with CDBG monies for a larger impact in one particular area.

Chairman Joseph said the Commission had held discussions regarding this issue and she said the Commission encouraged agencies to work closer together to make a bigger impact, and she said she felt they had started to do that. She said the guidelines required them to stay within the targeted population.

In discussion with Mayor Ransburg, Chairman Joseph said that in 2004, there was \$326,000 available for funding and approximately 27 programs were funded. She agreed that there was never enough money to cover all the requests. She said there were requests for over \$1.2 million for 2004 and every program was very worthy so it was a difficult process.

Council Member Gulley questioned the criteria for funding and how the process worked after proposals were received. He expressed concern that some agencies who were not funded indicated they were unclear as to what the Commission was looking for in the process.

Chairman Joseph commended the City Staff for their excellent assistance with the Commission's process, but also in instructing and serving as a helper to agencies who came in and presented proposals. She said the Staff made themselves available to answer questions and provide information, and the information was made public by being published in the newspaper and on the internet. She added the RFP was also on the internet. She said that if agencies needed guidance, they needed to step forward and request guidance.

In further discussion, Chairman Joseph said all funding was based on the programs rather than the agencies. She said the award of funding was based on who the program was serving and the benefits provided, whether or not they were duplicating a service already provided, and if the agency able to administer the program. She said there were some agencies that had received funding for two very different programs.

Council Member Spears said he felt the Council was the entity that determined which programs would be funded. He said it was the Commission's job to review which programs received funding based on the Council agenda, no matter which agency was providing the program and to make sure the program that was funded was the best program available for that particular service. He suggested that it could be possible that only one agency received all the funding, but it would be a decision made by the Council. He suggested the Council discuss this at their Retreat.

Council Member Thetford requested a copy of the scoring criteria and how the criteria was weighted. Chairman Joseph said she would provide a copy of the criteria and the application to the Council.

City Manager Randy Oliver said, starting in 2005, HUD would require performance based accountability, meaning any agency receiving funds would have to show the performance and what the costs of that performance was, and how it was improved. He said the process would become more competitive and additional data would have to be reported.

Council Member Grayeb requested that Staff provide the Council with a five-year content analysis on how funding was broken down for youth activities, senior activities and neighborhood activities so the Council would have an idea how the funds had been directed.

Council Member Grayeb said the Human Resources Commission was created by a past Council because it was probably felt that the Council did not have the time to go through the process, visit the agencies, award the funding, and to remove the process from being a political process.

In discussion with Council Member Grayeb, Chairman Joseph said there were currently two vacancies on the Commission. Council Member Grayeb urged the Council to provide the Mayor with names of qualified volunteers to serve on this Commission. He indicated he felt this discussion had provided good information for the Commission and he suggested that the Council provide all their input regarding these issues by no later than the end of April, 2004.

Mayor Ransburg thanked Chairman Joseph for her presentation and he thanked the Commission members for their efforts in this endeavor.

NEW BUSINESS

CONGRATULATIONS to IHSA CLASS "A" BOYS FOURTH PLACE STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS – PEORIA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Council Member Thetford congratulated the Peoria Christian High School Basketball Team for their Fourth Place Trophy in the IHSA Class "A" Boys State Basketball Tournament. She said the City was proud of the team and it was an honor for the Tournament to not only be held in the City of Peoria but to have one of its home teams play for the championship. She commended their performance both on and off the basketball courts.

INVITATION FOR CITIZENS TO ATTEND MARCH MADNESS EVENTS

Council Member Grayeb reminded citizens that March Madness continued on March 19 and 20, 2004, at the Peoria Civic Center when the IHSA Class "AA" Boys State Basketball Tournament would be held, along with the continuation of the March Madness Experience. He said he looked forward to another successful event.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No one came forward to address the City Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

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