

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, March 23, 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 6:25 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 he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

PROCLAMATION: MOON WALK DAY – April 1, 2004

PROCLAMATION: RICHWOODS HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

PROCLAMATION: PEORIA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

**MINUTES**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on March 23, 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 – CITY OF PEORIA**

**(04-100) PRESENTATION by MR. KEITH ARNOLD of the PEORIA AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU to REVIEW 2003 ACTIVITIES AND SUCCESSES, and to OUTLINE KEY INITIATIVES for 2004, with Recommendation from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel to Approve a RESOLUTION in Support of RETAINING STATE FUNDING for the PEORIA AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU.**

Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Keith Arnold, President and CEO of the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mr. Keith Arnold, President and CEO of the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, distributed a packet of information to the Council. Mr. Arnold discussed the Bureau's governance structure, their mission to increase overnight visitor dollars to the Peoria area, their strategic objectives, 2003 regional highlights, tourism trends, the highlights of convention sales, technology and e-commerce, website visitors, sports sales and development highlights, the National Softball Association, Illinois River Country highlights, nature based tourism trends, hotel tax cycle and a breakdown of average visitor spending.

Ms. Vickie Clark, Senior Vice President – Administration, discussed funding and grants, comparison of competing communities, local tourism and hospitality which created over 2,700 jobs in the Peoria area, and the return on the investment made by the City of Peoria. She added that the City provided about half of the Bureau's budget. She said there was a 23 to 1 return on the investment.

Mr. Arnold discussed their plans to work with a company to provide a welcome channel so there would be a list of events, places to go and things to do in Peoria for visitors to view.

Council Member Turner moved to approve the Resolution in support of retaining State funding for the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and receive and file the presentation and presentation packet; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Council Member Thetford thanked the Peoria Convention and Visitors Bureau for not only promoting the City of Peoria, but also the region.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern how the State would retain the funding for the Peoria Area convention and Visitors Bureau since their current Budget was in a deficit situation.

Council Member Ardis said he felt that tremendous strides had been made in the past five to ten years in tourism for a variety of different reasons. He said he felt it would be a huge mistake to cut funding in an area which generated revenue for the City of Peoria.

In discussion with Council Member Morris, Mr. Arnold said that State funding represented 28% of their budget so any cut from the State would affect their programs and their ability to build business in the area.

Council Member Spears expressed concern that the State did not properly fund the schools in the State. He said funding the education process properly should be a main priority of the State.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 04-100 in support of retaining State funding for the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and receive and file the presentation and presentation packet was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

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

- (04-101) NOTICE of LAWSUIT on Behalf of VERNON JOHNSON Regarding Alleged Incidents of Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation as a Workforce Development Employee.
- (04-102) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Authorization to Accept the LOW BID and PURCHASE a PNEUMATIC-TIRED ROLLER, with Trade-In, from McCANN INDUSTRIES, INC., in the Amount of \$48,380.00.
- (04-103) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Authorization to PURCHASE REPLACEMENT TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT Located at WAR MEMORIAL AND KNOXVILLE from TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION, in the Amount of \$18,447.00.
- (04-104) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources Requesting Approval of a PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT with HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE (HRI) for Health Care Consulting to the Joint Labor/Management Health Care Committee in 2004, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000.
- (04-105)  
\* Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Authorization to RETAIN the FIRM of CHAPMAN AND CUTLER as BOND COUNSEL to the City of Peoria for 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- (04-106) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation to MODIFY the COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO) CONTRACTS for COMMON PLACE CHDO, CHRISTIAN FAMILY CENTER CHDO, and UPGRADE CHDO by Setting the Expiration Date of all Contracts to December 31, 2004.
- (04-107) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Neighborhood Development Commission to ESTABLISH an AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND.
- (04-108) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of ANNUAL STATE MFT GENERAL MAINTENANCE FUNDS RESOLUTION for CONTRACTUAL WORK in 2004, in the Amount of \$115,000.00 for Tree Trimming and Tree Removal for Traffic Safety.
- (04-109)  
\*\* Communication from the City Manager and Superintendent of Police Requesting Approval of RESOLUTION Creating the CITY OF PEORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT MUSEUM.

- (04-110) **Communication from the City Manager and Assistant Director of Economic Development Requesting Authorization to MAKE APPLICATION to the STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DCEO) to Expand Peoria's ENTERPRISE ZONE (EZ) BOUNDARIES to Include Property Located Along NORTH WESTERN AVENUE (Castle Lodge Property - 5.2 Acres) AND to Adopt ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 11,051 EXPANDING the BOUNDARIES of the ENTERPRISE ZONE.**  
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- (04-111) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 15,598 Amending CHAPTER 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria Which Sets LICENSE FEES for SEXUALLY ORIENTED ADULT BUSINESSES and THEIR EMPLOYEES.**
- (04-112) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 15,599 Amending CHAPTER 1 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to GENERAL PROVISIONS Allowing Zoning Offenses to be Settled in Lieu of Mandatory Court Appearance.**
- (04-113) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,600 Amending Ordinance No. 15,047, an EXISTING SPECIAL USE in a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District for a PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER for Property Located at 3615 N. GRANDVIEW DRIVE.**
- (04-114) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,601 Granting a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District for a NEIGHBORHOOD PARK/PLAYGROUND for Property Located at 914-918 W. HOWETT STREET.**
- (04-115) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the ZONING COMMISSION:**  
  
**Keith D. Weinstein                      Term Expires 6/30/04**
- (04-116) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources Regarding the 2003 PRE-AUDIT HEALTH CARE BUDGET REPORT, with Recommendation to Receive and File.**  
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Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council communications; seconded by Council Member Turner

Council Member Nichting requested that Item Nos. 04-105 and 04-109 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Gulley requested that Item No. 04-110 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Thetford requested that Item No. 04-116 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 04-101 through 04-116 (excluding Item Nos. 04-105, 04-109, 04-110 and 04-116 which were 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.

**(04-105)      Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel  
\*\*              Requesting Authorization to RETAIN the FIRM of CHAPMAN AND CUTLER  
                 as BOND COUNSEL to the City of Peoria for 2004, 2005 and 2006.**

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray distributed a communication to all members of the City Council providing the EEO Certification number for Chapman and Cutler.

Council Member Nichting moved to authorize retaining the firm of Chapman and Cutler as bond counsel to the City of Peoria for 2004, 2005 and 2006; 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.

**(04-109)      Communication from the City Manager and Superintendent of Police  
\*\*              Requesting Approval of RESOLUTION Creating the CITY OF PEORIA  
                 POLICE DEPARTMENT MUSEUM.**

Council Member Nichting moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Captain Gary Poynter; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to Captain Gary Poynter.

Captain Gary Poynter explained the reason for the proposed Resolution was to preserve the history of the Peoria Police Department. He said, since 1835, there had been some type of law enforcement in the City of Peoria. He explained that photographs and artifacts had been collected over the years that reflected the rich history of the Police Department. He said these photographs and artifacts had been displayed in glass cases at the Police Station and had been well received by Police Officers and citizens. He thanked those who had worked on the project and those who had donated time and money toward the project.

Council Member Nichting suggested that when the new museum was constructed that there be a place for Police and Fire Department artifacts to be displayed.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Resolution creating the City of Peoria Police Department Museum; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Turner suggested contacting long-time retired Police Officers to see if they may have photos and items that could be displayed in the Police Museum.

Captain Poynter stated that many had already come forward with items but they were concerned about protection of the museum and their items. He said he felt more would come forward now. He added there would be no cost to the citizens of Peoria to visit the museum.

Council Member Teplitz commended Captain Poynter for personally initiating this project and for the many years he had dedicated to compiling this collection.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 04-109 creating the City of Peoria Police Department Museum was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

**(04-110)      Communication from the City Manager and Assistant Director of Economic  
\*\*\*      Development Requesting Authorization to MAKE APPLICATION to the  
STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC  
OPPORTUNITY (DCEO) to Expand Peoria's ENTERPRISE ZONE (EZ)  
BOUNDARIES to Include Property Located Along NORTH WESTERN  
AVENUE (Castle Lodge Property - 5.2 Acres) AND to Adopt ORDINANCE  
Amending Ordinance No. 11,051 EXPANDING the BOUNDARIES of the  
ENTERPRISE ZONE.**

Council Member Gulley moved to authorize the application to the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to expand Peoria's Enterprise Zone (EZ) boundaries to include property located along North Western Avenue (Castle Lodge property – 5.2 acres) and to adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 11,051 expanding the boundaries of the Enterprise Zone; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Council Member Gulley questioned, after reviewing the map, whether or not there had been any consideration given to extending or expanding the boundaries through the southern route on Martin Luther King Drive to include the Castle Lodge property.

Assistant Director of Economic Development Karie Friling explained the area that connected the Enterprise Zone to the Castle Lodge property was a three-foot wide strip of land, and did not pick up any properties along Western Avenue.

Council Member Sandberg pointed out the Enterprise Zone legislation was initially adopted to assist with regulatory and financial relief in blighted and difficult to develop areas. He expressed concern that this Enterprise Zone boundary change was project driven. He said he would not support the motion because it was not consistent with the State of Illinois and the Federal government's philosophy for Enterprise Zones.

Assistant Director Friling also pointed out that the Castle Lodge would be eligible for sales tax rebate and for some State financing programs. She explained the reason the Enterprise Zone was expanded along Main Street was because Main Street had been a focus area and an extension had been done twice before. She said it was felt this would be an extension of some of the activities and the policy decisions that had been made previously by the City Council.

Council Member Teplitz said there were some proposals for additional development along Western Avenue between the Med-Tech District and the Castle Lodge site. She said some development may be in the West Peoria area, but this was another opportunity to spur development and encourage economic growth and investment by private businesses.

Council Member Spears pointed out that some of this development would be occurring over the City limit line into another City. He questioned how the taxes would be divided. He said the other City had no restaurant tax and he expressed concern about losing taxes.

Assistant Director of Economic Development Karie Friling said the majority of the expansion of the Castle Lodge would be in West Peoria, which would be the convention center but the number of hotel rooms would not be expanded.

In discussion with Council Member Spears, City Manager Randy Oliver confirmed that for every meal served in the convention center, the City of Peoria would lose restaurant tax money. Council Member Spears expressed concern that there would be no way to audit how many meals were served in the convention center versus in the areas of the building on the City side.

City Manager Randy Oliver agreed this was not the easiest audit to perform.

Council Member Spears pointed out that the City of Peoria would be giving them an opportunity to save money on their building expenses, but he indicated the City of Peoria may not receive the tax money due them. He suggested there could be an intergovernmental agreement that would assist the City of Peoria to make sure the City received their share of the money. He added there needed to be a way to make sure the City received the money due them to assist the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, but yet help the Castle Lodge property expand. He said he felt this needed further discussion prior to the vote. He suggested that this item be deferred.

In discussion with Council Member Nichting regarding how the purchase of building materials would be monitored, Assistant Director of Economic Development Karie Friling explained that the City's responsibility was to issue a Certificate of Eligibility to the Castle Lodge and it was up to them to keep their books, submit the appropriate paperwork to the Department of Revenue, and follow the State laws. She said the City of Peoria was not required to monitor those procedures.

It was determined in discussion that the Castle Lodge could purchase their building materials in the City of Peoria, which would be tax exempt, for their expansion in West Peoria.

Motion to authorize the application to the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to expand Peoria's Enterprise Zone (EZ) boundaries to include property located along North Western Avenue (Castle Lodge property – 5.2 acres) and to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,602 amending Ordinance No. 11,051 expanding the boundaries of the Enterprise Zone was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 9;

Nays: Gulley, Sandberg - 2.

**(04-116)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources  
\*\*\*\*      Regarding the 2003 PRE-AUDIT HEALTH CARE BUDGET REPORT, with  
                 Recommendation to Receive and File.**

Council Member Thetford congratulated the Labor Management Healthcare Committee for their efforts in keeping costs under the budgeted amounts. She said the plan was continuing to see savings in the area of prescription drug costs, which was one of the costs that continued to climb nationwide.

Council Member Thetford moved to receive and file the 2003 Pre-Audit Health Care Budget Report; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to receive and file the 2003 Pre-Audit Health Care Budget Report Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

**(04-117) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation to Adopt an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to TEXT ADJUSTMENTS to the Zoning Ordinance Relating to Proposed Changes to the LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 16.**

Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes distributed a replacement Page 3 of the Ordinance to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Teplitz moved to adopt an Ordinance, as amended, amending Appendix B of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to Text Adjustments to the Zoning Ordinance relating to proposed changes to the Landscape Regulations, Article 16; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Council Member Teplitz thanked all those who volunteered their time in bringing the proposed Ordinance to this point. She said the Ordinance was initiated by the Park District.

Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes explained a group of citizens came forward to address landscaping issues regarding preservation, natural vegetation, and diversity for disease resistance. She said the current Ordinance touched on a few of these items but was mainly focused on aesthetics and buffering. She said the proposed Ordinance had the full support of the City Staff, the Zoning Commission, the Heart of Illinois Sierra Club, the Peoria Botany Group, the Natural Resources and Development Task Force, and the Park District. She said the changes gave more strength to preservation, costs for development would be reduced, and the list of prohibited species of trees was updated. She thanked City Senior Planner Gene Lear for his work on this project.

Council Member Teplitz moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. James Stuttle and others who wished to address the Council regarding this issue; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. James Stuttle and those who wished to address the Council regarding this issue.

Mr. James Stuttle, 6916 N. Skyline Drive, thanked retired Park District employee Elroy Limmer for his efforts on the project. He explained usually when development began, the site was leveled and cleared of all native vegetation. He discussed some of the problems encountered during the process of gathering information for the proposed Ordinance. He said finally there was consensus regarding the majority of the points and the proposed Ordinance was being recommended by the City's Planning and Growth Staff. He continued by explaining specific details of the proposed Ordinance. He introduced members of the Park District Board Trustees which included Jackie Petty, President Tim Cassidy, Stan Budzinski and Matt Ryan, and Director Bonnie Noble.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern regarding the proposed Ordinance and his feeling that it would work well for new development areas, but it would not serve any purpose for the inner-city. He said when petitioners come in for permits of smaller expansions, etc. in the older neighborhoods, the trees that were there would have to be removed. He said he could not support the proposed Ordinance.



Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,603, as amended, amending Appendix B of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to Text Adjustments to the Zoning Ordinance relating to proposed changes to the Landscape Regulations, Article 16 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

**(04-118) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to Adopt AND with Recommendation from the City Staff to Deny an ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 1901 N. PROSPECT from the Present Class O-1 (Arterial Office) District to a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District.**

Council Member Thetford explained she could not support rezoning the proposed property to a C-1 because this property was surrounded by residential. She said the Petitioner wanted to have a small retail business on the first level of the building and have residential on the second level of the building and she challenged City Staff to determine how this could be done without rezoning the property to C-1 Class.

Council Member Thetford moved to defer this item for four weeks until the April 20, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Motion to defer this item until April 20, 2004, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

**(04-119) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request for the City Council to Approve or Deny the SITE APPLICATION for a Class “A” (Tavern) with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M.) and Subclass 2 (Live Entertainment) LIQUOR LICENSE at 619 WEST MAIN STREET.**

Council Member Teplitz moved to deny the Site Application for a Class “A” (Tavern) with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M.) and Subclass 2 (Live Entertainment) Liquor License at 619 West Main Street; seconded by Council Member Morris.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Council Member Teplitz clarified that the intent of the motion was to deny everything consistent with the communications from neighborhood associations and businesses along the West Main Street Corridor. She said there was no support for any kind of liquor license at this location as presented.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Corporation Counsel Randy Ray explained if the City had disapproved a site for retail alcoholic liquor two or more times, no application for the same site would be considered for 12 months, which was found in Section 3-95 of the City Code, so the Petitioners could apply again.

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

Mr. Roger Taylor, Jr., 915 N. Douglas, Petitioner for the proposed Site Application said he and two others were attempting to open a liquor establishment at 619 W. Main Street. He expressed concern that the motion was to deny the application. He indicated he felt the City should support economic growth in the proposed area.

Motion to DENY the Site Application for a Class "A" (Tavern) with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M.) and Subclass 2 (Live Entertainment) Liquor License at 619 West Main Street was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 11;

Nays: None.

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

##### **(04-120) Communication from the Town Clerk Requesting Approval of AGENDAS for the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Nichting moved to approve the Agendas for the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Chairman Ransburg - 11;

Nays: None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **STATUS REPORT Regarding YARD WASTE PICK-UP**

In discussion with Council Member Nichting regarding the status of yard waste pickup, Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle said Waste Management started picking up yard waste last week and would continue for nine months. He said yard waste would be picked up on regularly scheduled garbage pick-up days.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding IHSA CLASS AA BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONS – PEORIA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Council Member Teplitz congratulated the Peoria Central High School Boys Basketball Team on winning the IHSA Class AA Boys Basketball State Championship Title for the second year in a row.

##### **(04-121) CANCELLATION of the MARCH 30, 2004, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Council Member Turner moved to cancel the regular City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2004; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that the City Council Retreat would not be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, and cancel the Saturday, April 3, 2004, Council Retreat. He said he objected to holding the Retreat on a Saturday.

City Manager Randy Oliver explained there were several Council Members who were unable to attend a meeting on March 30, 2004, and April 3<sup>rd</sup> seemed to be a date that more Council Members could attend.

Council Member Thetford said she felt it had been assumed that there would be no meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> since there had been several conversations relating to the fifth Tuesday. She said if the Council planned to get down to the business of setting goals, she felt it would be helpful that it not be held at the end of a long work day. She said she felt the Council was more productive in an informal setting.

Further discussion was held regarding holding the Council Retreat on April 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to cancel the regular City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2004, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gulley, Morris, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 7;

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

### **IHSA MARCH MADNESS EXPERIENCE**

City Clerk Mary Haynes commended the IHSA organizers for designating special days for mentally and physically challenged young people to attend the March Madness Experience. She said it was a wonderful thing to see these children having an equal opportunity to enjoy the games.

Council Member Ardis said he was surprised to learn that disabled young people from all over the nation attended the Peoria March Madness Experience. He thanked Katie Hogan for organizing this special event.

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

#### **(04-122) 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.

Mr. John White, 1309 E. Elmhurst, suggested that provisions be made by the insurance industry to exclude coverage for drivers who caused bodily injuries or property damage under certain circumstances. He also suggested that citizens volunteer their business expertise to Keystone Steel and Wire to assist with their economic problems.

Mr. Evert Lewis Schertz, 2820 W. Grinnell, said there were three local entertainers who had never been recognized locally for their work. He discussed the careers of the three entertainers and requested assistance in obtaining more publicity. He provided some written information to the Council.

Ms. Levetta Ricca, 711 S. Greenlawn, expressed concern that the Enterprise Zone would not be extended in the southern part of the City.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **(04-123) Consideration of a Motion for the City Council to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent.**

Council Member Nichting moved that the City Council go into Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Motion that the City Council go into Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 11;

Nays: None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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

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