

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, April 13, 2004, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:21 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: Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg (Arrived at 6:22 P.M.), Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 8; Absent: Ardis, Grayeb, Thetford - 3.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICES DAYS – APRIL 16-18, 2004

PROCLAMATION: THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP DAY – APRIL 24, 2004

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL ORGAN AND TISSUE AWARENESS WEEK – April 15 – 22, 2004

**MINUTES**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on April 3, 2004, and the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 6, 2004, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 8;

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**(04-148) TAG DAY REQUEST by the SOUTH-WEST KIWANIS CLUB OF PEORIA Requesting Permission to Hold Their ANNUAL PEANUT DAYS to Collect Donations on September 23, 24, 25, 2004. (Dates are Open)**

**(04-149) \* Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Approval of the LOW BID from CALLENDAR AND COMPANY at a Cost of \$10,288.00 per year for Five Years for TWO LIABILITY BONDS on the City Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller at a Value of \$4 Million each per Specification.**

- (04-150) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Approval to Extend the 2003 COMMON PLACE HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT From March 31, 2004, Until July 31, 2004.
- (04-151) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY for MAINTENANCE of City Right-of-Way (Brotherson-MacArthur Highway Triangle).
- (04-152) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the CONFIDENTIAL VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT Between AMERITECH ADVANCED DATA SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC. and the City of Peoria, as Outlined.
- (04-153) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Authorization for the DISPOSAL of USED CARS and EQUIPMENT at a PUBLIC AUCTION in Conjunction with Peoria County at the Peoria County Highway Facility on Plank Road on May 22, 2004.
- (04-154) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of a CLASS H (Temporary) Outdoor Liquor License for EASTER SEALS on April 17, 2004, at The Shoppes at Grand Prairie, Center Court.
- (04-155) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of a CLASS H (Temporary) Outdoor Liquor License for the RIVER CITY BLUES SOCIETY on May 15, 2004, at Exposition Gardens.

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

Council Member Turner requested that Item No. 04-149 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 04-148 through 04-155 (excluding Item No. 04-149 which was removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 8;  
Nays: None.

- (04-149)  
\* Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Approval of the LOW BID from CALLENDAR AND COMPANY at a Cost of \$10,288.00 per year for Five Years for TWO LIABILITY BONDS on the City Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller at a Value of \$4 Million each per Specification.

Council Member Turner expressed concern regarding the impact if this item was denied in that taxes would not be able to be collected for the County. He said that the City of Peoria was one of only two cities in the State which still collected real estate taxes. He said it was his

understanding that part time personnel were hired to assist with this function and he questioned if the City should continue to perform this service. He said he did not want this function to cost the City money. He added that taxes could be paid at a number of banks in the area.

Council Member Nichting said the expense of part time personnel was paid out of Township funds so it would not affect the City budget. He said this was a support service for the citizens of the community since parking was more available than at the Court House. He also said parking for the elderly and handicapped people was easier at City Hall.

City Treasurer Reginald Willis said, as Township Collector, he collected taxes for the Township just like every other Township in the State of Illinois.

Council Member Sandberg said he did not feel this function was revenue neutral because the City collected tax money and earned interest on the money collected prior to turning it over to the County. He said it was his understanding this was settled in Court many years ago.

City Manager Randy Oliver said the process had been changed so that the money was allocated back based on the distribution of the revenue.

Council Member Sandberg requested a report back regarding this issue.

City Manager Randy Oliver said he would include the report back in the City Manager's Issues Update.

City Treasurer Reginald Willis further explained that the personnel hired to assist in tax collection were paid by the Township and not the City.

Council Member Turner moved to approve the low bid from Callendar and Company at a cost of \$10,288.00 per year for five years for two liability bonds on the City Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller at a value of \$4 million each per specification; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 8;

Nays: None.

**(04-156) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works  
Requesting Approval of AMENDMENT NO. 2 to the PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES AGREEMENT with HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.,  
in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$17,000.00 for Services in Connection with the  
Extension of Rail Service into Growth Cell 2 and Pioneer Industrial Park.**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$17,000.00 for services in connection with the extension of rail service into Growth Cell 2 and Pioneer Industrial Park; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 8;

Nays: None.

**(04-157) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to Zoning for Various Text Adjustments that all New Buildings and Additions, plus any Façade Improvements in Excess of \$10,000.00, in the WEST MAIN STREET CORRIDOR (As Identified within the Medical and Technology District Boundaries) Shall Require a SPECIAL USE,**

Council Member Teplitz moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix B of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to Zoning for various text adjustments that all new buildings and additions, plus any façade improvement in excess of \$10,000.00, in the West Main Street Corridor (as identified within the Medical and Technology District Boundaries) shall require a Special Use; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that the proposed Ordinance was excessive and counter-productive to encouraging investment on West Main Street. He said he would not support the proposed Ordinance.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes explained the proposed Ordinance would set standards to help development to be compatible to the future plan. She added this would be similar to the design review for the Historic District. She said the proposed Ordinance would add an extra step to the process but it would ensure that improvements would be consistent with what was proposed for the area later this year.

Council Member Teplitz said these standards would cover the nine-month time period during the planning stage. She explained the planning process for the Med-Tech District, and she said, at the conclusion of the process, standards would be created by those most affected in the District.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that the Zoning Commission had recommended denial of the proposed Ordinance.

Motion to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix B of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to Zoning for various text adjustments that all new buildings and additions, plus any façade improvement in excess of \$10,000.00, in the West Main Street Corridor (as identified within the Medical and Technology District Boundaries) shall require a Special Use was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Morris, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 5;

Nays: Nichting, Sandberg, Spears - 3.

Clerk's Note: In order for the Ordinance to pass successfully, six affirmative votes were needed.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

**(04-158) 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. Kimberlee Newby, 401 W. High Street, explained she had recently purchased a historic church to renovate as a home. She said there was a parking problem and she requested that the City grant her two parking spaces in front of her home.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

City Clerk Mary Haynes reminded the Council that the Annual Town Meeting would be held at 6:00 P.M. on April 20, 2004.

**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 Nichting.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

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