

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, May 11, 2004, a Regular Meeting of the City Council to hold a Policy Session was held this date at 6:20 P.M., at City Hall, Room 404, 419 Fulton Street. Following an election, Chairman Pro Tem William Spears presided.

ROLL CALL

In the absence of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem, City Clerk Mary Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M. and called the roll.

Roll call showed the following Council Members present: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris (arrived at 6:26 P.M.), Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner— 8; Absent: Teplitz, Thetford, Mayor Ransburg - 3.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Mary Haynes requested a moment of silent prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Spears asked that the Council pray for all the American Servicemen who were currently stationed in Iraq and for all Americans to come together at this time in America's history.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS**(04-206) ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN PRO TEM**

City Clerk Mary Haynes informed the Council in the absence of Mayor Ransburg and Mayor Pro Tem Thetford, their first order of business would be the election of a Chairman Pro Tem, and she said the floor was open for nominations.

Council Member Turner moved to nominate Council Member Spears as Chairman Pro Tem; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Following three calls for further nominations for a Chairman Pro Tem and determining there were none, City Clerk Mary Haynes, with the approval of the Council, closed the nominations for a Chairman Pro Tem.

Motion to appoint Council Member Spears as Chairman Pro Tem was approved by viva voce vote, which was unanimous.

Chairman Pro Tem Spears thanked those who voted for him and he said it was an honor to be elected Chairman Pro Tem by his peers.

(04-207) DISCUSSION and MOTION to HOLD POLICY SESSIONS in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS Rather than in ROOM 404 of CITY HALL.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern that tonight's Policy Session was being held in Room 404 and not in the Council Chambers. He said he felt the public should have access either by Cable Channel 22 or by radio so they could listen to Council discussions and approvals regarding topics that would be of interest to the citizens and their neighborhoods.

Following some discussion by several Council Members regarding if Policy Sessions should be held in the Council Chambers or Room 404, Council Member Grayeb moved to hold further Policy Sessions in the Council Chambers; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

No objection was heard.

Chairman Pro Tem Spears stated Policy Sessions were always open to the public, whether they were held in the Council Chambers or in Room 404 at City Hall. A general consensus was that the room setting should be informal.

(04-208) POLICY SESSION Regarding GATEWAY BUILDING OPERATIONS and PRIORITIZATION of FUTURE POLICY ISSUES.

Council Member Nichting moved to open a Policy Session regarding the Gateway Building Operations, with a Report Back on the Gateway Building Operations that was presented to Council at the November 25, 2003, Council Meeting (Refer to Item No. 03-375-B), and Prioritization of Future Policy Issues; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by viva voce vote.

A Policy Session was held regarding the Gateway Building Operations and the Prioritization of Future Policy Issues.

Council Member Nichting moved to adjourn the Policy Session the Policy Session regarding the Gateway Building Operations, with a Report Back on the Gateway Building Operations that was presented to Council at the November 25, 2003, Council Meeting (Refer to Item No. 03-375-B), and Prioritization of Future Policy Issues; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by viva voce vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(04-209) Requesting Approval 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, of deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 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 Ardis moved 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, of deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 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 Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner – 8;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Nichting moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting to hold a Policy Session regarding the Gateway Building Operations, with a Report Back on the Gateway Building Operations that was presented to Council at the November 25, 2003, Council Meeting (Refer to Item No. 03-375-B), and Prioritization of Future Policy Issues; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

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

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