

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, June 15, 2004, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Peoria 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, Nichting, Spears, Thetford, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10; Absent: Sandberg – 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ransburg requested a moment of silent prayer, asking that we remember former President Ronald Reagan who passed away the previous week and his family, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ransburg introduced the Grace Singers from Grace Presbyterian Church who performed a musical presentation of America the Beautiful and God Bless America, honoring the passing of former President Ronald Reagan.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

- PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATION of CITY OF PEORIA AND MAYOR DAVE RANSBURG IN ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS
- PROCLAMATION: DUNLAP PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT YANGBO DU – NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE PARTICIPANT
- PROCLAMATION: PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PEORIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: CAREER ACADEMY STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS
- PROCLAMATION: GEMS OF THE PRAIRIE AND THE NATIONAL QUILTING ASSOCIATION 35th ANNIVERSARY QUILT SHOW – June 24-26, 2004
- PROCLAMATION: CRUSADERS 4 KIDS BLOCK PARTY TO BE HELD ON MAIN STREET BETWEEN MADISON AND MONROE STREETS – July 31, 2004

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Executive Sessions held on June 1, 2004, with clarification to the Regular Council Minutes under Item Nos. 04-246 and 04-284, the Vote should read 10 Yeas; 0 Nays, seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**(04-290) PRESENTATION by Peoria Circuit Clerk Robert Spears and Peoria County Sheriff Mike McCoy Regarding the PEORIA COUNTY AMNESTY PROGRAM.**

Mayor Ransburg welcomed Peoria Circuit Clerk Robert Spears and Peoria County Sheriff Mike McCoy.

Circuit Clerk Robert Spears expressed his thanks to Mayor Ransburg, the City Council and City Clerk Mary Haynes for their assistance in allowing he and Sheriff Mike McCoy to present the Peoria County Amnesty Program at the Council Meeting.

Circuit Clerk Spears explained the purpose of the Amnesty Program was to encourage citizens who had been issued speeding tickets within the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, to pay these fines at the Circuit Clerk's Office, and the warrants for their arrest would be removed from their record. He said this program would continue through July 30, 2004, and the tickets could be paid by cash, credit card, personal checks, e-bay over the Internet or by telephone, and payment plans could be set up for large fines.

Sheriff Mike McCoy stated one of the benefits of the program was the arresting agency would receive 44.5 percent of the funds collected for the tickets. He said within this three-year time period, there was an outstanding amount of approximately three million dollars in unpaid tickets.

Circuit Clerk Spears presented a brief commercial that was being televised regarding the program.

In response to inquiries from some Council Members, Circuit Clerk Spears said citizens could call 677-6223 to obtain more information regarding payment of their fines for 2001, 2002 and 2003. He added tickets issued earlier than 2001 would also be considered.

City Clerk Mary Haynes thanked Public Information Officer Alma Brown and T. J. Mingus from Insight for their assistance in setting up equipment for the presentation.

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

(04-291) NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed by Amy Johnson on Behalf of TARESSA R.A. LEVI Against Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc. and the City of Peoria Regarding an Alleged Injury which Occurred at 2511 Grinnell on May 16, 2003, with a Recommendation to Receive and File and Refer to the Legal Department.

(04-292) PAYMENT ESTIMATE for PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: KUMPF, JEFFERSON, WALNUT and ADAMS PARKING FACILITY (New bituminous concrete pavement, bituminous concrete overlay, curb and gutter, PCC sidewalk, storm sewer, dry well, lighting, parking controls, security systems, fencing, landscaping and irrigation.) – PAY ESTIMATE #5 & FINAL: \$42,149.28; TOTAL AMOUNT: \$42,149.28, with Recommendation to Receive and File.

(04-293) Communication from the City Manager and Information Systems Director Requesting Approval for HTE APPLICATION SOFTWARE TRAINING for City Employees from SUNGARD HTE, in the Amount of \$45,000.

- (04-294) **Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief Requesting Approval of COMPARTMENT BODY REPAIRS on Engines 12, 19 and 20 by UNIVERSITY FORD, in the Amount of \$11,526.00, and for the REPLACEMENT of FRONT SUCTION LINES on Engines 12 and 20 by O'BRIEN BROTHERS PIPING CONTRACTORS (SOLE SOURCE), in the Amount of \$6,800.00.**
- (04-295) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Authorization to Enter into a CONTRACT with AMERICAN ASPHALT SURFACE RECYCLING for HEATER SCARIFICATION for Street Maintenance, in the Amount of \$146,330.42.**
- (04-296) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Inspections Requesting Authorization to Enter into an AGREEMENT with JAF CONSTRUCTION for BOARD-UP CONTRACTOR SERVICES for a Two-Year Period at a Cost not to Exceed \$40,000.00 per year, and to Approve C & L CONSTRUCTION as the BACK-UP CONTRACTOR.**
- (04-297) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Approval for the CITY OF PEORIA WEED AND SEED STRATEGY to CONTRACT with NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE, PROJECT TARGET, PEORIA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION AND PEORIA PARK DISTRICT - PROCTOR CENTER, as Outlined.**
- (04-298) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to SIGN a PETITION for ANNEXATION for City-Owned Property in Kickapoo Township, as a Result of the CHARTER OAK ROAD EXTENSION.**
- (04-299) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Neighborhood Development Commission to Allocate \$203,500.00 in 2003 & 2004 COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO) PROGRAM FUNDS and \$20,000.00 in CHDO OPERATING FUNDS to the Hand Up Development Corporation, Inc., as Outlined.**
- (04-300) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Neighborhood Development Commission to Establish a PILOT DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Using United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) Funds.**
- (04-301) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval to PURCHASE REAL ESTATE Located at 1123 WEST FOURTH AVENUE, in the Amount of \$35,000.00 for the Future Widening of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive and Authorization for Staff to Proceed with Plans for the Property, as Outlined.**
- (04-302) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director with Recommendation to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,633 Amending the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2004 of the City of Peoria Relating to the Use of Capital Fund Balance to PURCHASE REAL ESTATE at 1123 WEST FOURTH AVENUE, in the Amount of \$35,000.00.**

- (04-303) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with Recommendation to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,634 ASCERTAINING the PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES for LABORERS, WORKMEN and MECHANICS Employed on Public Works in the City of Peoria.
- (04-304) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with Recommendation to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,635 Amending Ordinance No. 15,207 Providing for COUNCIL RULES, Creating a New Section Concerning REPORTS BACK. (Refer to 04-281)
- (04-305) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,636 Approving the FINAL PLAT of EVERLY PLACE SUBDIVISION, a Residential Development with an Address of 5519 N. UNIVERSITY STREET.
- (04-306) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,637 Rezoning Property Located at 6519 N. BIG HOLLOW ROAD from the Present Class R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class O-1 (Arterial Office) District.
- (04-307) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,638 Rezoning Property Located at 2107 S.W. JEFFERSON from the Present Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class R-7 (Multi-Family Residential) District and Granting a SPECIAL USE for a GROUP HOME for Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities, Per the Submitted Site Plan, Landscaping and Buffering as Outlined.
- (04-308) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,639 Amending the EXISTING SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 15,389 in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a SHOPPING CENTER to Include Local Sign Regulations for Property Located at the NORTHEAST CORNER of ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD and WEST WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE; and the NORTHWEST CORNER of GRAND PRAIRIE DRIVE and WEST WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE, per the Submitted Site Plan and Sign Elevations.
- (04-309) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval for a Class "H" TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for PEORIA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY for an Event to be held at GLEN OAK ZOO on Friday, July 9, 2004.
- (04-310) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval for a Class "H" TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for CRUSADERS 4 KIDS for a Block Party to be held on Main Street Between Madison and Monroe Streets on July 31, 2004.

- (04-311) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISON to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED, with Recommendation to Concur:

James E. Ardis

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-312) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISON to the ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES, with Recommendation to Concur:

Charles V. Grayeb

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-313) APPOINTMENT and REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS, with Recommendation to Concur:

Appointment:

Dale M. Ross (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/07

Reappointments

Andres Diaz (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/07

Joy Miller (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/07

- (04-314) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the DEPUTY LOCAL LIQUOR COMMISSIONER, with Recommendation to Concur:

Eric Turner

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-315) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISON to the FAIR EMPLOYMENT & HOUSING COMMISSION, with Recommendation to Concur:

Clyde E. Gulley, Jr.

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-316) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISON to the GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, with Recommendation to Concur:

James E. Ardis

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-317) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISON to the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, with Recommendation to Concur:

Marcella Teplitz

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-318) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISON to the HOUSING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMISSION, with Recommendation to Concur:

Marcella Teplitz

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-319) APPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg of MAYOR PRO TEM, with Recommendation to Concur:

Marcella Teplitz

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-320) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS to the NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, with Recommendation to Concur:

Clyde E. Gulley, Jr.

Term Expires 6/30/05

Marcella Teplitz

Term Expires 6/30/05

Gale S. Thetford

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-321) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISON to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY, with Recommendation to Concur:

Charles V. Grayeb

Term Expires 7/01/06

- (04-322) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISON to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY, with Recommendation to Concur:

Clyde E. Gulley, Jr.

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-323) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISON to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD, with Recommendation to Concur:

John D. Morris

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-324) APPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE, with Recommendation to Concur:

Gary A. Joseph (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-325) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor David P. Ransburg of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS to the SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE, with Recommendation to Concur:

James E. Ardis

Term Expires 6/30/05

Patrick Nichting

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-326) APPOINTMENT and REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, with Recommendation to Concur:

Appointment:

Carol C. Randall (Voting)

Term Expires 7/1/06

Reappointments:

Dr. John F. Gilligan (Voting)

Term Expires 7/1/07

Lizette Tripuranthakam (Voting)

Term Expires 7/1/07

Cathy Worlow (Voting)

Term Expires 7/1/07

- (04-327) Communication from Mayor David P. Ransburg Recommending Approval of RESOLUTION NO. 04-327 Pertaining to REAPPOINTMENTS and TERMS of the HOUSING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMISSION.**

Dorian B. LaSaine (Voting)	Term to be determined
Kate Koehler (Voting)	Term to be determined
John McNaught (Voting)	Term to be determined
Karen Ratledge (Voting)	Term to be determined
Leslie A. Smith (Voting)	Term to be determined
Cartheda Welch (Voting)	Term to be determined

- (04-328) Communication from Mayor David P. Ransburg Recommending Approval of RESOLUTION NO. 04-328 Pertaining to REAPPOINTMENTS and TERMS of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

Henry J. Blackwell (Voting)	To be determined
Allen B. Hagen (Voting)	To be determined
Dorian B. LaSaine (Voting)	To be determined
Karen Ratledge (Voting)	To be determined

- (04-329) REPORTS, with Recommendation to Receive and File:**

1. REPORT OF CITY TREASURER REGINALD A. WILLIS – April, 2004.

- (04-330) ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORT Regarding the POLICY/WORKSHOP SESSION for ADMINISTRATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, REVIEW of the PRELIMINARY DRAFT of the CITY OF PEORIA STRATEGIC PLAN 2003-2008, Adopted in Principal by Resolution No. 03-042, and SETTING FUTURE PRIORITIES for POLICY/WORKSHOP SESSIONS.**

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

Item Nos. 04-291 through 04-330 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (04-331) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Request to Authorize the City Manager to Sign an AMENDED and RESTATED AGREEMENT Extending the Deadline from August 1, 2004 to September 1, 2005, for the CONTRACT Between the City of Peoria and the YWCA OF PEORIA for the GLENPERRY PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT, PHASE 1.**

A citizen handout regarding this item was distributed to members of the City Council.

City Manager Randy Oliver said following a discussion with Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes regarding this issue, it was determined the site plan would need to go back to the Planning Commission for review, at which time another Public Hearing would be required to allow for public input.

Following further discussion with Planning and Growth Management Director Pat Landes, Council Member Gulley moved to defer the Amended and Restated Agreement extending the deadline from August 1, 2004 to September 1, 2005, for the Contract between the City of Peoria and the YWCA of Peoria for the GlenPerry Permanent Supportive Housing Project, Phase 1, to allow time for a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the zoning issue on the same property, so both requests could be heard at the same time; seconded by Council Member Morris.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Thetford regarding if this issue could be resolved before the end of July, City Manager Oliver said it was his intent to request a special session of the Planning Commission to be held on July 6, 2004, and this item could be brought back to the Council on July 20, 2004.

Council Member Gulley stated when the issue was brought before the Planning Commission, the citizens would have an opportunity to address their concerns, for and against this project.

Motion to defer the Amended and Restated Agreement extending the deadline from August 1, 2004 to September 1, 2005, for the Contract between the City of Peoria and the YWCA of Peoria for the GlenPerry Permanent Supportive Housing Project, Phase 1, to allow time for a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the zoning issue on the same property, so both requests could be heard at the same time was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(04-332) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Neighborhood Development Commission for the City of Peoria to Provide a FUNDING SOURCE to Match the 2004 RNNC Fundraising Contributions \$1.00 for \$1.00 with a Maximum Amount, Not to Exceed \$25,000.00, to Send NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES to the RNNC CONFERENCE for the next Two Years.

Council Member Turner moved to approve a funding source to match the 2004 RNNC fundraising contributions \$1.00 for \$1.00 with a maximum amount, not to exceed \$25,000.00, to send neighborhood advocates to the RNNC Conference for the next two years; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Turner said the private business sector was in the process of contacting the public regarding donations to support this initiative.

Following discussion with Council Member Morris regarding if all funds were raised privately, did that negate the need for City matched dollars, City Manager Oliver recommended the motion be amended to state "subject to need."

The Council did not object.

Council Member Grayeb commended Council Member Turner for bringing this issue forward. He added, it demonstrated the City of Peoria was committed to it's strategic vision of support of the neighborhoods as a top priority.

Several Council Members commended the City's businesses for their generosity and support of the City's neighborhoods.

Planning and Growth Management Director Pat Landes said she wanted to clarify it was the intent of the Citizens Committee if they raised \$25,000, there would be a \$25,000 match also from the City, which would extend the reserve money that was available. She further explained during the fundraising process, businesses contacted by the Citizens Committee stated they would be willing to make a donation if the City would match that amount. Director Landes said it was clearly the intent of the Committee that the City would match dollar for dollar any amount raised and the extra funds would extend longer than two years.

It was clarified the Council was not approving a dollar for dollar match.

Council Member Teplitz expressed concern there would be a mixed message sent by saying the City would pay for this project as well. She said she felt clearly the intent was to request the business community to step forward and help relieve the City of having to expend any funds, and assure the neighborhoods the City was committed to send those citizens to the conference who wanted or needed to attend.

Motion to approve a funding source not to exceed \$25,000 to send neighborhood advocates to the RNNC Conference for the next two years, as amended, that the City would only provide funds subject to need, and not a dollar for dollar match, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(04-333) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation to Adopt the ORDINANCE Amending the EXISTING SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 13,343 in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District for CHURCH FACILITIES and ELDERLY HOUSING to Include a MEETING HALL ADDITION for Property Located at 2914 N. SCENIC DRIVE.

Council Member Spears moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the Existing Special Use Ordinance No. 13,343 in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District for Church Facilities and Elderly Housing to include a Meeting Hall Addition for property located at 2914 N. Scenic Drive; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,640 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(04-334) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation to Adopt the ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 448 W. DETWEILLER DRIVE from the Present Class R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District.

Council Member Nichting moved to table Ordinance rezoning property located at 448 West Detweiller Drive from the present Class R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Motion to Table the Ordinance rezoning property located at 448 West Detweiller Drive from the present Class R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (04-335) Communication from the City Manager and Acting Director of Economic Development Requesting Authorization to Make Application to the State of Illinois for an ENTERPRISE ZONE EXTENSION and AMENDMENTS to Include the Proctor Medical Park Property, Restrict the Property Tax Abatement Benefit to the Medical and Technology District, Reroute the Castle Lodge Connection Strip Along Western Avenue and Remove the West Main Street Connection Strip, and Adopt the ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 11,051, as Adopted on December 28,1982, Expanding the BOUNDARIES of the ENTERPRISE ZONE.**

Council Member Grayeb moved to authorize the City Manager to make Application to the State of Illinois for an Enterprise Zone Extension and Amendments to include the Proctor Medical Park Property, restrict the Property Tax Abatement Benefit to the Medical and Technology District, reroute the Castle Lodge Connection Strip along Western Avenue and remove the West Main Street Connection Strip, and Adopt the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 11,051, as adopted on December 28,1982, expanding the Boundaries of the Enterprise Zone; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,641 amending Ordinance No. 11,051, as adopted on December 28, 1982, expanding the Boundaries of the Enterprise Zone, and approving authorization to make Application to the State of Illinois for an Enterprise Zone Extension and Amendments to Include the Proctor Medical Park Property, Restrict the Property Tax Abatement Benefit to the Medical and Technology District, Reroute the Castle Lodge Connection Strip Along Western Avenue and Remove the West Main Street Connection Strip, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (04-336) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting to Adopt a POLICY to DISCOUNT RESIDENTIAL PARKING by \$10.00 Space Per Month within the Central Business District.**

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt a policy to discount residential parking by \$10.00 space per month within the Central Business District; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(04-337) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works
Requesting Approval of the FULTON STREET and MADISON AVENUE
DIAGONAL PARKING PLAN, as Outlined.**

Following a brief explanation, Council Member Gulley moved to defer this item until the July 6, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Teplitz stated she would be abstaining from voting due to her husband providing legal services regarding this item.

Motion to defer this item until July 6, 2004, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Abstention: Teplitz – 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**(04-210) Communications from the City Manager and Comptroller/Finance Director
Recommending Approval of the Following:**

- A. Enter into a PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with MATRIX
CONSULTING GROUP to Conduct a MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS
STUDY of the PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT and EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES at a Cost Not to Exceed \$79,000;**

Council Member Teplitz moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Matrix Consulting Group to conduct a Management and Operations Study of the Peoria Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services at a cost not to exceed \$79,000; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Nichting expressed concern regarding the approval of a contract that was not the low bid and that the entire package should be a low bid, and for these reasons, he would not be supporting this consultant.

Following a brief explanation that this item had been deferred previously because all Council Members were not present at the meeting, and in the absence of Council Member Sandberg, Council Member Spears moved to defer this item until the July 6, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

City Manager Oliver stated Staff was informed by Matrix that they would reduce their time frame from 120 days to 90 days, and a three-week deferral would be after the date Staff would be making their initial budget submission to the Council.

Council Member Morris said he felt the Council needed to move ahead and vote on this issue. He said he felt the vote would be the same tonight as it would be on the proposed deferral date.

Council Member Ardis said he would like to enter into the records the fact that the previous agenda item relating to diagonal parking had been deferred for three weeks, and he expressed concern that an issue of significant importance as the agreement for a Management and Operations Study of the Fire Department and EMS could not be deferred so all members of the Council could participate in further discussion and review. He explained that Council Member Sandberg's mother

was having surgery and he had asked the Council to respect the circumstances of a senior member. He encouraged the Council to support the deferral.

Council Member Thetford said this item had already been deferred once and she felt it was imperative that the results of this study be factored into the Council's budget discussions.

Council Member Spears encouraged the Council to support the deferral so there could be further open and public discussion and full Council input on this important issue. He urged the Council to delay the vote until all members of the Council were in attendance so there would not be a divided Council.

Council Member Nichting said the rationale for the previous deferral was that full debate of the issues was needed by the Council, and he expressed concern that the Council was sending a message that if a person was in disagreement of the issue, he would not be allowed to debate that issue. He said he felt the public was entitled to know the rationale for and against all issues, and he encouraged the Council to support the deferral.

Council Member Turner expressed concerned regarding what implications a deferral would have on budget discussions.

Motion to defer this item was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Nichting, Spears – 4;

Nays: Gulley, Morris, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 6.

Council Member Nichting said he had requested an objective process and methodology for the selection process to determine the qualifications of the consulting group. He expressed concern this information was not included in the Council packet.

Council Member Grayeb stated the intent of the Council should be to provide the best analysis regarding the management and operations of our fire and emergency medical services that affected the lives of all citizens. He said the public would hold the Council accountable for its decisions regarding public safety issues that impacted the lives of its citizens. He added, regardless of what consultant group was hired to perform the study, it would be the Council's responsibility to make the final decision regarding their recommendations.

Council Member Gulley said the Council commissioned a group of citizens to select a consultant and review their qualifications, proposals, and recommendations, and Matrix was selected. He said he felt it was important for the Council to be provided with all the necessary information they would need to make decisions during budget discussions. He said Council Member Sandberg had spent considerable amount of time researching this issue for the good of the City, and he requested the City Manager give consideration to Mr. Sandberg's report so the Council could be made aware of the information. City Manager Oliver requested the report be forwarded to him for review.

Mayor Ransburg said he was very optimistic regarding the recommendations made by the City Manager and the group he formed that would allow the City to take a look at the location of fire houses, how they were equipped and staffed, and what protocols should be followed. He said he was confident this study would provide information that would improve the City's current resources, and obtain further information from experts regarding the deployment of fire equipment to provide better service to the citizens.

Council Member Nichting noted the Fire Department had a program regarding the location and relocation of Fire Stations within the City.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Matrix Consulting Group to conduct a Management and Operations Study of the Peoria Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services at a cost not to exceed \$79,000 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Grayeb, Nichting, Spears - 3.

B. ORDINANCE Amending the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2004 of the City of Peoria Relating to CONSULTING FEES for a COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT and OPERATIONS STUDY OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS).

Council Member Teplitz moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004 of the City of Peoria relating to Consulting Fees for a Comprehensive Management and Operations Study of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS); seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,642 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Grayeb, Nichting, Spears - 3.

(04-231) APPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, with Recommendation to Concur:

Fred D. Grafton (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/05

Mayor Ransburg requested this appointment be withdrawn from the Agenda. The Clerk stated it would be entered in the record.

(04-280) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to the BOARD of FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS Stipulating that Party Affiliation Shall be Determined by Affidavit.

Council Member Spears moved to deny the Ordinance; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Spears said he felt it was necessary to follow State Law for commissions to have a balance of party affiliated members so there could be discussion regarding the debate of different opinions. He said the State Statute for Police and Fire Commissions stated there could be no more than four members from one party affiliation on the commission. He said voting records were Public Records and using them would be the best solution. He said he felt open discussion was necessary regarding the hiring of Police and Fire employees, and he felt extra points should be awarded for those employees hired who live in the City. He said the extra points would be an incentive and provide opportunities for new jobs for the citizens of Peoria.

In discussion with Corporation Counsel Randy Ray regarding the use of affidavits, Council Member Thetford determined the statute reads if a City did not exercise home rule authority and followed the state statute, the political affiliation of members of the Fire and Police Commission was determined by affidavit.

Council Member Grayeb said Council Member Spears was correct and he felt the best method to determine the political party affiliation of commission members was to review the ballots used in the primary elections.

In discussion with Corporation Council Ray, Council Member Nichting determined the Council could vote on whether the City wanted political party affiliations, how those party affiliations were determined, or decide to rely on state law, and it would be the responsibility of the Corporation Counsel to enforce the decision.

Mayor Ransburg said the Police and Fire Commissions had agreed to make a presentation to the Council regarding their hiring process.

Motion to deny an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Stipulating that party Affiliation shall be determined by affidavit was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Nichting Spears – 5;

Nays: Morris, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 5.

Council Member Morris moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners stipulating that Party Affiliation shall be determined by affidavit; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Morris withdrew his motion. The Council did not object.

Following a discussion with Corporation Council Ray, Council Member Grayeb moved to direct Staff to bring back an Ordinance discarding the issue of political party affiliation for Council consideration on the July 6, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Motion to direct Staff to bring back an Ordinance discarding the issue of political party Affiliation for Council consideration at the July 6, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(04-244) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE Granting a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for a NEW GAS STATION to Include RETAIL SALES of GASOLINE, GROCERIES and ALCOHOL on the Same Zoning Lot for Property Located at 2509 W. WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE, with Conditions.

Council Member Spears moved to defer this item until the July 6, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Motion to defer this item until July 6, 2004, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (04-282) SITE APPROVAL for a Class C-5 (Convenience/Gas Station) for 2509 W. WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE, with Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve with the Condition that it be Approved for a Special Use Zoning Certificate.**

Council Member Spears moved to defer this item until the July 6, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Motion to defer this item until July 6, 2004, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

It was determined there were no New Business items for discussion.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

- (04-338) 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. Bill King, 2225 N. University, expressed concern regarding traffic problems relating to the I-74 construction. He suggested placing Traffic Police at the more congested intersections at certain times in the morning and evening to help alleviate traffic and the merging of traffic, and provide assistance for citizens driving to and from their destinations.

Mayor Ransburg recommended the City Manager review the situation and determine what type of assistance could be provided to aid the citizens in this matter.

Mr. Andres Diaz, 1208 Madison, President of Olde Town North Neighborhood Association, addressed the Council regarding the agreement with the YWCA. He said there were numerous sites available throughout the City for construction of this project. He said the neighborhood was in the rehab process, and there were vital concerns having this program in their area. He urged the Council to consider other locations for the program.

Mr. John White, 1309 E. Elmhurst, expressed concerns regarding various issues including rental housing, inspections of property, landlord qualifications, and agreements between rental properties and landlords. He present a handout regarding these issues and other items of concern.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- (04-339) 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; and 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; and 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 Teplitz.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Ardis moved to adjourn the Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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

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