

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, July 6, 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, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Teplitz, 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: CRUSADERS 4 KIDS DAY – JULY 31, 2004

ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding PEORIA MUNICIPAL BAND EVENT

Council Member Turner and Council Member Thetford announced the Peoria Municipal Band Event to be held at O'Brien Field on July 11, 2004, at 7:30 P.M. They invited the public to attend.

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings held on June 15 and June 22, 2004, the Executive Sessions held on June 15 and 22, 2004, and the Special City Council Meeting held on June 29, 2004, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

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**(04-344) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding ANNEXATION of 2300 W. ALTA ROAD.**

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing regarding Annexation of 2300 W. Alta Road; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ransburg opened the Public Hearing at 6:26 P.M.

Following the third call for public comment, and after Mayor Ransburg determined no one wished to address the Council regarding this issue, Council Member Nichting moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:27 P.M.

(04-345) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding ANNEXATION of 11419 and 11423 STATE STREET, MOSSVILLE. (This property is not presently contiguous to the City of Peoria. The Agreement stipulates that if and when the property does become contiguous, this owner is willing to annex.)

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing regarding Annexation of 11419 and 11423 State Street, Mossville; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:28 P.M.

(04-346) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Planning Commission to Approve the Following:

- A. RESOLUTION Approving the ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for Property Located at the SOUTHEAST CORNER of ALLEN ROAD and ALTA ROAD with a Temporary Address of 2300 W. ALTA ROAD, all Located within One and One-Half Miles of the City of Peoria;**

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Resolution approving the Annexation Agreement for property located at the Southeast corner of Allen Road and Alta Road with a temporary address of 2300 W. Alta Road, all located within one and one-half miles of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Motion to adopt the RESOLUTION NO. 04-346 approving the Annexation Agreement for property located at the Southeast corner of Allen Road and Alta Road with a temporary address of 2300 W. Alta Road, all located within one and one-half miles of the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

B. ORDINANCE Annexing Territory Contiguous to the City of Peoria – 2300 W. ALTA ROAD.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Ordinance annexing territory contiguous to the City of Peoria – 2300 W. Alta Road; seconded by Council Member Morris.

ORDINANCE NO. 15,644 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(04-347) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation to Adopt a RESOLUTION Approving the ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for MEDINA CROSSING SUBDIVISION, an Industrial Development, Located NORTH and EAST of ROUTE SIX and WEST of ROUTE 29, with an Address of 11419 and 11423 N. STATE STREET, MOSSVILLE, IL, all Located Within One and One-Half Miles of the City of Peoria.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt a Resolution approving the Annexation Agreement for Medina Crossing Subdivision, an Industrial Development, located North and East of Route Six and West of Route 29, with an address of 11419 and 11423 N. State Street, Mossville, IL, all located within one and one-half miles of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Morris.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-347 was 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:

(04-348) NOTICE of LAWSUIT on Behalf of HALVERSON CONSTRUCTION Regarding a Vehicle Accident on November 30, 2002, with Recommendation to Receive and File and Refer to the Legal Department.

(04-349) NOTICE of LAWSUIT on Behalf of QUANZES R. JACKSON Regarding a Police Incident on January 5 and 6, 2004, with Recommendation to Receive and File and Refer to the Legal Department.

- (04-350) NOTICE of LAWSUIT on Behalf of JEREMY WIRTZ Regarding an Incident at the Peoria Civic Center on April 27, 2003, with Recommendation to Receive and File and Refer to the Legal Department.
- (04-351) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant Director of Economic Development Recommending Approval of the RESTRUCTURING of SIMPLY UNIQUE'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND LOAN to Allow Interest-Only Payment for Six Months and Concurrently Extend the Loan's Maturity for Six Months, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.
- (04-352) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Approval of the EZ/EC YEAR 10 BUDGET and PROGRAM PROPOSAL, and Requesting Authorization for the City to Enter into an AGREEMENT with the UNITED WAY.
- (04-353) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Recommending Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 15,645 Amending the BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2004 of the City of Peoria Relating to YEAR TEN (10) of the EZ/EC GRANT.
- (04-354)
* Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Adoption of RESOLUTION Approving the PRELIMINARY PLAT of the HICKORY OAKS SUBDIVISION, a Single Family Residential Development Located North of IL Route 6, South of Mossville Road, East of Knoxville Avenue, Off of South Forest Trail Road, with Conditions.
- (04-355) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 15,646 Approving the FINAL PLAT of WILLOW KNOLLS BUSINESS PARK, a Commercial Development Located East of Radnor Road, West of Allen Road, Along the South Side of Willow Knolls Road.
- (04-356) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 15,647 Approving the FINAL PLAN, with Building Elevations, of PRAIRIE VISTA APARTMENTS PHASE I and PHASE II, a Multi-Family Development Located at the Northeast Corner of Allen Road and Alta Road.
- (04-357) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Recommending Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 15,648 VACATING the LAST 83.95 FEET of DERBY ROAD Adjacent to Lots 32, 33, 34 and 35 of GALENA PARK SUBDIVISION.
- (04-358) Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief Recommending Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 15,649 Amending CHAPTER 11 of the Code of the City of Peoria Pertaining to FIRE PREVENTION to Include all Appendices of the International Fire Code/2000, to Increase Penalty of Violations, and to Improve Burning Regulations.

- (04-359) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval for a CLASS "H" TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for CATHOLIC CHARITIES of the DIOCESE OF PEORIA to Hold a Wine Tasting Event at the Shoppes of Grand Prairie on July 10, 2004.
- (04-360) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval for a CLASS "H" TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for THE ILLINOIS VALLEY STRIDERS at 418 S. W. Water Street on Saturday, July 17, 2004.
- (04-361) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval for a CLASS "H" TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for PRAIRIE AIR SHOW, INC. to Hold a Pre-Air Show Music Festival at THE LANDING on the Riverfront on Saturday, July 23, 2004.
- (04-362) REAPPOINTMENT of CITY COUNCIL LIAISON by Mayor David P. Ransburg to ARTS PARTNERS, with Recommendation to Concur:
- Council Member John Morris (Non-Voting) Term Expires 6/30/05
- (04-363) REAPPOINTMENT of CITY COUNCIL LIAISON by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the GIS POLICY COMMITTEE, with Recommendation to Concur:
- Council Member John D. Morris (Voting) Term Expires 4/30/07
- (04-364)
** APPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, with Recommendation to Concur:
- James K. Polk (Voting) Term Expires 6/30/05
- (04-365) APPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the PEORIA MEDICAL AND TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL, with Recommendation to Concur:
- Diane Nowlan (Voting) Term Expires 6/30/05
- (04-366) APPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the MUNICIPAL BAND COMMISSION, with Recommendation to Concur:
- John Day (Voting) Term Expires 6/30/07
- (04-367) REAPPOINTMENT of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISON by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the PEORIA TOWNSHIP, with Recommendation to Concur:
- Council Member Patrick Nichting (Voting) Term Expires 6/30/05
- (04-368) APPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE on POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS, with Recommendation to Concur:
- LaRon D. Jones (Voting) Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-369) **APPOINTMENT and REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the SISTER CITY COMMISSION, with Recommendation to Concur:**

APPOINTMENT:

David Commanday (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/05

REAPPOINTMENTS:

Cheryl J. Budzinski (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/07

John Day (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/07

Joan L. Sattler (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/07

Suzanne Love Smith (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/07

Thomas N. Stanesa (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/07

**Council Member Patrick Nichting
(Non-Voting)**

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-370) **REAPPOINTMENTS of the CITY COUNCIL LIAISON by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the WATER SELECTION COMMITTEE, with Recommendation to Concur:**

Council Member John Morris (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/05

Council Member Gary Sandberg (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/05

- (04-371) **APPOINTMENTS by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, with Recommendation to Concur:**

Karie Friling (Voting)

Term Expires 7/1/07

Dallis J. Howard-Crow (Voting)

Term Expires 7/1/07

- (04-372) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of EEO Regarding the 2003 ANNUAL REPORT of the FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING COMMISSION, with Recommendation to Receive and File.**

- (04-373) **REPORTS, with Recommendation to Receive and File:**

A. REPORT OF CITY TREASURER REGINALD A. WILLIS – May, 2004.

B. PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT – May 31, 2004.

C. PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT – May 31, 2004.

- (04-374) **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORT Regarding a PRESENTATION by the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL and a PRESENTATION by the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT for the City of Peoria Regarding ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/BUSINESS RETENTION.**

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

Council Member Nichting requested that Item No. 04-354 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Turner requested that Item No. 04-364 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item Nos. 04-348 through 04-374 (excluding Item Nos. 04-354 and 04-364 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.

**(04-354)
* Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Adoption of RESOLUTION Approving the PRELIMINARY PLAT of the HICKORY OAKS SUBDIVISION, a Single Family Residential Development Located North of IL Route 6, South of Mossville Road, East of Knoxville Avenue, Off of South Forest Trail Road, with Conditions.**

Council Member Nichting said the neighborhood had identified several issues of concern. He questioned if storm water retention was required.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle confirmed that if the site qualified based on the amount of acres being disturbed, storm water retention would be required by Federal regulations like any other development.

In further discussion with Council Member Nichting regarding whether the width of the street would be 22 feet, 25 feet or 26 feet, among other issues of concern, Director Van Winkle said he interpreted the drawing that street width would be 26 feet for the entire length except at the point of entry where it would be 25 feet. He said the streets would be curbed and the dimension of the cul-du-sac was 100 feet in diameter. He added that as long as the garbage truck could physically enter the property, there would be garbage service.

In discussion with Council Member Nichting regarding fire hydrants, Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes confirmed that there would be an eight inch water line and a hydrant would be relocated so there would be a fire hydrant at the end of the cul-du-sac. She added that the Petitioner would pay the cost of relocating the hydrant at the entrance to the private street.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the Resolution approving the Preliminary Plat of the Hickory Oaks Subdivision, a Single Family Residential Development located North of IL Route 6, South of Mossville Road, East of Knoxville Avenue, off of South Forest Train Road, with conditions outlined in the communication, and with additional language for platting purposes that Lot 3 shall grant a drainage easement to Lot 4 for septic disposal, and this drainage easement must be shown on the preliminary and final plat; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-354, as amended, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (04-364)** **APPOINTMENT by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the GREATER PEORIA
** MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, with Recommendation
to Concur:**

James K. Polk (Voting)

Term Expires 6/30/05

Council Member Turner said he could not support this candidate for the proposed appointment.

Council Member Ardis moved to concur with the appointment of James K. Polk to the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District Board of Trustees; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Turner - 1.

- (04-375)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and
Growth Management Recommending Approval of the CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION PLAN for the City of Peoria HUD CONSOLIDATED PLAN
and ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROCESS, as Outlined.**

Council Member Thetford moved to approve the Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Peoria HUD Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan Process, as outlined; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (04-376)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and
Growth Management Requesting Approval to APPLY for \$3,000,000 in
GRANT FUNDS Through the U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD CONTROL GRANT
PROGRAM and to COMMIT to OBLIGATE \$450,000 in COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (CDBG) Over the 2005-2007
Budget Years as Match Funding.**

Council Member Teplitz moved to approve the application for \$3,000,000 in Grant Funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program and to commit to obligate \$450,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) over the 2005-2007 budget years as match funding; seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (04-377) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Approval to REPROGRAM \$242,797.81 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS to the ROOF REPAIR PROGRAM from the EXTERIOR TARGETED REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE (ExTRA) PROGRAM (\$109,464.48) and the NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (\$133,333.33).**

Following a brief comment, Council Member Teplitz moved for approval to reprogram \$242,797.81 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to the Roof and Repair Program from the Exterior Targeted Rehabilitation Assistance (ExTRA) Program (\$109,464.48) and the Neighborhood Improvements Project (\$133,333.33); seconded by Council Member Thetford.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (04-378) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Community Service RFP Ad-Hoc Committee for ALLOCATION of COMMUNITY SERVICE LITTER FUNDS in the WEED AND SEED AREA to FUND THREE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS from Community Based Organizations in the Total Amount of \$14,980, and an Additional \$15,020 for the CITY OF PEORIA PILOT TOTER PROGRAM.**

Council Member Teplitz said she would abstain from discussion and voting because her neighborhood association was one of the applicants.

Council Member Gulley moved to approve the allocation of Community Service Litter Funds in the Weed and Seed Area to fund three request for proposals from community based organizations in the total amount of \$14,980, and an additional \$15,020 for the City of Peoria Pilot Toter Program; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Council Member Spears questioned if money for toters in different neighborhoods would be allocated each year. He said there were several people on fixed incomes in his District that had to give up their toters in order to afford the garbage tax.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes explained there was a line item in the 2004 Budget for anti-litter and part of that budget was to go toward a pilot toter program. She said the Director of Inspections identified problem areas so with the pilot toter program supplement, the toters for these neighborhoods were free. She said after that time frame, the user could either discontinue the toter or continue by renting the toter. She said these areas were targeted because there were litter problems.

Council Member Spears expressed concern that this system punished those who took care of their litter but had to stop the toter program because of economic reasons. He said he felt there should be some kind of program for those on fixed incomes, who were negatively impacted by the garbage tax in the last City Budget, or assist them in applying for the free toter program.

Council Member Nichting indicated he felt other neighborhoods would want free toters if some neighborhoods received them. Also he said neighborhoods would want this service every year. He expressed concern how this would be enforced.

Code Enforcement Manager Kurt Craanen explained their intent was to provide the toters and determine if they were being used. He said if enforcement was used, it would be difficult to determine if just having the toters available would encourage people to clean their areas, or if they were using the toters because of enforcement. He said enforcement was being stepped up throughout the City.

Council Member Ardis said it was his understanding that over 200 requests were sent to different neighborhood groups for them to utilize this money. He said the Code Enforcement Department received three responses. He said specific direction should be given to Staff that the Council intended this money to be utilized in the areas of the City that needed it the most and encourage the use of the toters.

Council Member Thetford said the committee did not allocate all the funds requested from these three organizations and had actually set aside half the funds available for use for the totter program in other neighborhoods. She said she hoped that other neighborhoods would be identified for the totter program even though they had not sent in a request.

Council Member Gulley suggested that the program be changed so more could take advantage of the program.

Council Member Nichting moved to divide the motion into four parts; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Motion to divide the motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg. Spears - 7;

Nays: Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 3;

Abstention: Teplitz - 1.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve \$6,100 for the Heart of Peoria Neighborhood Association for the totter program; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Motion to approve \$6,100 for the Heart of Peoria Neighborhood Association was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Teplitz - 1.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve \$5,750 for the Peoria City Beautiful for the totter program; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Motion to approve \$5,750 for Peoria City Beautiful was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Teplitz - 1.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve \$3,130 for the Randolph/Roanoke Neighborhood Association for the totter program; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Motion to approve \$3,130 for the Randolph Roanoke Neighborhood Association was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 8;

Nays: Nichting, Sandberg - 2;

Abstention: Teplitz - 1.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the additional \$15,020 for the City of Peoria Pilot Toter Program; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 9;

Nays: Nichting - 1;

Abstention: Teplitz - 1.

(04-379) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE Approving the PRELIMINARY and FINAL PLAN of GLEN/PERRY, a Single Family Attached (Duplex) Residential Development Located at 804-808 GLENDALE AVENUE and 706-716 WAYNE STREET.

President of Olde Towne North Neighborhood Association, Andres Diaz, distributed two maps relating to the Glendale Avenue and Wayne Street areas to all members of the City Council.

Following a brief comment regarding some unresolved neighborhood issues, Council Member Gulley moved to defer this item for two weeks until the July 20, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Council Member Ardis said a deferral was requested several weeks ago and he was under the impression that this item was ready for a vote at this meeting, unless there was some new information that needed to be taken into consideration.

Council Member Gulley said there had been some discussion but it did not bring compromise and the issues were still being discussed to bring the two sides together. He said there could still be some alternative options available.

Council Member Sandberg spoke against a two-week deferral because some of the people who opposed this project would not be able to attend the meeting in two weeks.

Motion to defer this item for two weeks until the July 20, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Ardis, Grayeb, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner - 6.

Council Member Gulley moved to adopt the Ordinance approving the Preliminary and Final Plan of Glen/Perry, a single family attached (duplex) residential development located at 804-808 Glendale Avenue and 706-716 Wayne Street; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg questioning if any duplexes could be built on the proposed lot in an R-7 zoning, Director Landes confirmed that it could not be done under the current zoning code.

Council Member Sandberg said this was important because no variances were being requested with this request. He added that in December, 2002, the Zoning Board of Appeals granted three variances for a different project for this parcel. He said the Notice of Public Hearing indicated that the front yard setback would go from 25 feet to 15 feet, but the Council communication indicated that the front yard setback went from 25 feet to 10 feet. He expressed concern there would be a 22-space parking lot too close to an adjacent house. He said the Council was being requested to approve a project that would have 10-foot front yards, a large parking lot, and no buffering. He said he would not support the motion to approve. He said the project would be inconsistent and out of character for the neighborhood.

Council Member Sandberg also pointed out that Phase II was an integral part of the project, even though it was indicated that Phase I would not depend on Phase II of the project. He expressed concern that this was already a struggling neighborhood and he indicated that the proposed project should not be in the proposed neighborhood.

Council Member Sandberg moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those who wished to address this issue; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

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

Mr. Andres Diaz, 1208 N. E. Madison, President of Olde Towne North Neighborhood Association, urged the Council to deny approval of the YWCA's request for the Glen/Perry Project. He gave a brief history of the projects that had been presented for this land since 2001. He said the land was in a historic district, which was not known to the YWCA when the land was purchased. He discussed how the project had changed since 2001, and the current project was not approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. He said he felt this was a good basis for the City Council to deny the request. He said the YWCA should have to reapply to the Zoning Board.

Mr. Ben Madigan, 802 Perry Street, said he was not against the YWCA or helping people, and he did not want 801 Perry Street demolished. He said the neighborhood was making a good attempt at coming back, but it was felt that the balance of the neighborhood was leaning toward these kinds of agencies. He said he was working to save the neighborhood long term and what happened now would affect the neighborhood's future.

Mr. Dave Wentworth, 1528 W. Moss Avenue, Attorney representing the YWCA, said the site plan had not changed since getting the variance. He referred to the 10-foot set back and he said he felt that was an error. He said the project would be acceptable with either a 10-foot or a 15-foot setback. He said in an R-7 zoning, up to twenty units could be constructed, but the project only called for fourteen. He said the property was not zoned single-family. He explained the points of the project and he said the project was consistent with the City's Affordable Housing Plan. He said there were already quite a few social service uses in the area. He said the project was not a group home, but the people living there would pay rent and would be evicted if they did not make their payments.

Ms. Pam Schubach, 1013 W. Lake Avenue, Executive Director of the YWCA, said the intent was to provide housing for families. She said the project would be close to St. Francis Hospital where most of the heads-of-household worked. She said the property was on the market and

had proper zoning for the project, and was ultimately purchased by the YWCA. She added had they known about the historic designation, she said another choice would probably have been made. She presented letters from adjacent neighbors in support of the project to City Clerk Mary Haynes. She urged the Council to support the project.

Ms. Carrie Alms, 1005 N. E. Perry Avenue, displayed a map of the different types of housing and social service agency housing in the neighborhood. The map was also distributed to the Council for their review. She said about 50% of the neighborhood was owner-occupied. She said Olde Towne North Neighborhood Association promoted home ownership by mowing vacant lots to earn money to start a revolving fund. She said the proposed land was not affordable to the neighborhood association at the time it was for sale. She expressed concern that the neighborhood had not been included in discussions regarding the project. She said to place this housing into an already at-risk neighborhood was not appropriate.

Ms. Esther Cohen, 8128 N. Crab Orchard Court, member of the YWCA Board, said the proposed housing would be for families. She said \$1 million would be set aside to make this a going project. She said the design was reviewed by Mr. Duany when he was here and it was felt the design of the duplexes would fit with the neighborhood. She said the people who would live in these duplexes had to complete programs that trained them to live there and they had to pass tests. She urged the Council to approve the project.

Mr. Frank Lewis, 712 Evans Street, discussed the financing which he felt was in question. He expressed concern that the financing was not secured. He urged the Council to consider this carefully.

Mr. John Simmons, 909 N. E. Glendale, said he lived one block from the proposed project. He indicated he did not feel the YWCA had communicated very well with the neighborhood about their project. He said he did not want to live in an area where there was crime and he said he was concerned that this project would bring crime to the neighborhood.

Ms. Shelly Blestein, 529 W. Forrest Hill Avenue, with the YWCA, explained the YWCA bought the property three years ago. She said she had the impression from the neighborhood that they supported the project, but not the historic issues. She said she understood that the neighborhood did not want the building torn down and they were attempting to work on this through the State. She said she had a letter from the neighborhood association, dated January 16, 2003, to the State of Illinois Historic Preservation Agency which indicated they would support a facility being built on open land that would not impact the historic district. She said that was what the YWCA was trying to do.

In discussion with Council Member Grayeb, Mr. Diaz said he felt there had been little communication from the YWCA with the neighborhood. He said the YWCA had proposed compromise just before this meeting which would include renovating 801 Perry, which was suggested by Council Member Gulley. He said if the YWCA would renovate the building that was there, the Council would not have to approve the proposed site plan.

Ms. Diana Bent 405 W. Maywood Avenue, President of the YWCA Board, said there had been no agreement to rehab the 801 Perry property for various reasons. She said she attended the neighborhood meeting held regarding the vacant land. She said the YWCA was trying to develop the vacant land with beautiful duplexes to take care of families. She said these families could show their children how to be positively involved in a community.

In discussion with Council Member Teplitz, Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes said the land was zoned R-7 which was multi-family and permitted duplexes. She said the project was designed with five buildings on one zoning lot with all the parking to the rear of the site. She said density was not an issue, but the plan was an issue. She said the properties at 801 and 803 Perry were not part of this discussion for the plan. She said the Staff recommended approval because the plan worked in an R-7 zoning and the affordable housing plan did show an absence of units of affordable housing for rental.

In further discussion with Council Member Teplitz regarding the City's legal position in terms of the decision and if there was sufficient criteria that would allow the City to deny the request, Corporation Counsel Randy Ray said the property was zoned R-7 and his opinion on the Ordinance was that at some point there must be a plan that was capable of being approved and providing multi-family housing, but it did not have to be the proposed plan. He said such things as setbacks and location of parking lots were legitimate concerns and were within the discretion of the Council. He said he was not, at this time, in a position to make a final legal determination regarding the validity of the variance process. He said the other option was for the Council to approve the plan but with 15-foot setbacks rather than 10-foot setbacks.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that one-third of the plan was a large parking lot. He added that the proposed plan was better than what was previously presented, but he did not feel the plan stayed within the character of the neighborhood. He said this parcel was identified in the Comprehensive Plan as single family.

Council Member Gulley said he felt the Council was obligated in principal to approve the plan. He said he felt this was not the wrong thing to do because with the variances, which were put into place, the Council had the power to change the parking, if the parking was a problem. He said the project fit the property. He also expressed concern with the cost proposed for each unit and he suggested that those costs be reviewed. He said he still felt the entities could work together, if there was a deferral so discussion could continue. He indicated since that motion failed, he urged the Council to approve the motion to approve the plan.

Following confirmation from Council Member Gulley that he still desired a deferral, Council Member Nichting moved for a substitute motion to defer this item for four weeks until the August 3, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Council Member Grayeb said he would be on vacation on August 3, 2004. He said he thought Council Member Ardis would also be unable to attend the meeting. It was also stated that August 3, 2004, was the National Night Out Against Crime event that the Council normally attended.

Council Member Nichting amended his motion for a two week deferral until the July 20, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

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

Yeas: Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 8;

Nays: Ardis, Sandberg, Spears - 3.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (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.**

Following some brief comments which included the fact that this station was located not far from the number three accident-prone intersection in the City, Council Member Spears moved to adopt the 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, and with additional language that the West entrance from Northland Street into the subject property closest to War Memorial Drive be for a right-turn entrance only, and there would be no turning movement to leave the property and would use the old Hamilton exit to leave the property; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Spears said the development planned for the property adjacent to this property would probably create additional traffic problems and further traffic changes would probably be needed in the future.

Council Members Thetford and Teplitz indicated they would not support the motion.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,650 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, and with additional language that the West entrance from Northland Street into the subject property, closest to War Memorial Drive, be for a right-turn entrance only, and there would be no turning movement to leave the property and would use the old Hamilton exit to leave the property was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ardis, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 8;
Nays: Grayeb, Teplitz, Thetford - 3.

- (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 by a Special Use Zoning Certificate.**

Council Member Spears pointed out a Special Use Zoning Certificate would be needed so they would not be granted a Liquor License until the remodeling had been completed.

Council Member Spears moved for site approval for a Class C-5 (Convenience/Gas Station) for 2509 W. War Memorial Drive; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 8;
Nays: Grayeb, Teplitz, Thetford - 3.

- (04-280) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Recommending the Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to the BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS Eliminating the Stipulation that No More than Four Members of the Board Shall be of the Same National or State Political Party. (New Communication and Ordinance)**

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt the Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners eliminating the stipulation that no more than four members of the board shall be of the same National or State Political Party; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Council Member Spears said he would not support the proposed Ordinance. He said he felt it was apparent the State passed this law down to the City. He said it would continue to keep diversity on many of the commissions to represent different thought processes. He said he did not care which party was represented but he felt it was important to retain the stipulation that one political party would not rule a commission.

Council Member Sandberg said he felt the Fire and Police Commission needed the balance so he would not be supporting the motion either.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 15,651 amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners eliminating the stipulation that no more than four members of the board shall be of the same National or State Political Party was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Sandberg, Spears - 2.

- (04-286) Communication from the City Manager, Deputy Liquor Commissioner W. Eric Turner, and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation to DIRECT STAFF to MAKE CHANGES, as Outlined, to AMEND the APPROVAL PROCESS for the RETAIL SALE of GASOLINE, GROCERIES, AND ALCOHOL on the SAME ZONING LOT. (New Communication)**

Following an explanation regarding the proposed changes to the process by Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes, Council Member Turner said the Liquor Commission had held a meeting and discussion was held regarding the comment made by the Council that if the District City Council Representative spoke against a liquor license at a particular gas station location, then it would not be approved. He said several members on the Liquor Commission questioned why the Council needed their recommendation if that was the case. He said it was suggested by the Commission that they make a recommendation to the Council for discussion or request that the District Council Representative come to the Liquor Commission meeting and hear all the testimony. He said he felt the previous process was broken and as it was adjusted, it became even worse. He proposed that those who had applied to go through the special use permit process and were denied, that their money be refunded less direct costs. He said direct costs were less than \$50.00 per applicant.

Council Member Turner moved to approve the recommendation to direct Staff to make changes, as outlined, to amend the approval process for the retail sale of gasoline, groceries, and alcohol on the same zoning lot and to refund the \$500.00 fee less direct costs to those who had applied and had gone through the special use permit process, but were denied; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Council Member Thetford said she was not ready to give up the special use process. She said she wanted the special use request and the request for site approval to come before the Council on the same Agenda and that was the only change she wanted. She expressed concern that the fee for a gas station to get a Liquor License was \$150.00 and the fee for someone to get a driveway approved was \$500.00. She said she would like an opportunity to discuss the amendments to the approval process prior to voting. She said she felt more time was needed to review the amendments.

Council Member Thetford moved for a substitute motion to defer this item for two weeks until the July 20, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

In discussion with Council Member Turner, Council Member Thetford said anyone currently in the process should continue to go through the process that was currently in place.

Council Member Turner expressed concern for those who were making an investment in their businesses.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Director Landes said each site would still need a special use for the gasoline sales, but not for the sale of alcohol.

Council Member Teplitz said she agreed with the request for deferral. She indicated that she wanted to make sure that neighborhoods remained protected and she said the changes may be positive, but she would like to hear from the neighborhoods first.

Council Member Sandberg said the proposed changes would have to go before the Zoning Commission for a Public Hearing. He said nothing would happen quickly and there would still be plenty of opportunity for public input.

City Clerk Mary Haynes clarified that her office mailed the Council Agenda to all neighborhood associations, and the Council Agenda appeared on Channel 22 Public Access Television and on the City's Web Page, so she felt a large portion of the City had been notified about what was on the Council's Agenda.

Motion to defer this item until July 20, 2004, was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Morris, Teplitz, Thetford, Mayor Ransburg – 4;

Nays: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner – 7.

Clerk's Note: The motion on the Floor at this time was the motion to approve the recommendation to direct Staff to make changes, as outlined, to amend the approval process for the retail sale of gasoline, groceries, and alcohol on the same zoning lot and to refund the \$500.00 fee less direct costs to those who had applied and had gone through the special use permit process, but were denied.

In discussion with Council Member Spears regarding the amount of direct costs and if Staff time had been included, City Manager Randy Oliver stated that direct costs did not include Staff time.

Council Member Spears said he felt that direct costs should include Staff time. He said he did not feel they should proceed until the exact costs were known.

Council Member Turner amended his motion to remove the request to refund the fees so the motion would be to approve the recommendation to direct Staff to make changes, as outlined, to amend the approval process for the retail sale of gasoline, groceries, and alcohol on the same zoning lot; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Council Member Spears questioned if the motion was approved, would the gas stations who sold alcohol have to meet all zoning requirements before they applied or would they all come back as special uses.

Director Landes said the actual costs to process a special use, including Staff time, was approximately \$1,380.00. She explained, if the changes were implemented to sell gasoline and alcohol at the same site, a site approval application would be filed with the Liquor Commission. She said all City Code requirements would have to be met.

Motion to approve the recommendation to direct Staff to make changes, as outlined, to amend the approval process for the retail sale of gasoline, groceries, and alcohol on the same zoning lot was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 8;
Nays: Morris, Teplitz, Thetford - 3.

(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.

Council Member Gulley moved to defer this item for two weeks until the July 20, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Teplitz.

Council Member Gulley requested that the City Manager think about implementing a Special Project Solution Committee, with the Assistant City Manager facilitating the meeting, to make recommendations to the Council for their consideration in two weeks.

Council Member Sandberg said he would like a total accounting of all the monies committed to this contract by the City of Peoria.

Director Landes said the contract was for \$225,000 and the City Council earlier approved another \$107,000 of HOME money for the project, for a total of \$332,000 that the City would have invested in this project.

Motion to defer this item for two weeks until the July 20, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Morris, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 6;
Nays: Ardis, Grayeb, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears - 5.

**(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. (New Communication)**

Council Member Teplitz said she would be abstaining from discussion and voting because of her husband's business interests.

In discussion with Council Member Gulley, City Manager Randy Oliver said diagonal parking would provide additional parking in the downtown area and would make the downtown more pedestrian friendly. He said a part of this program included that the meters on Madison and Fulton Streets be extended until 9:00 P.M. because people who frequented the Civic Center would gravitate to those free spaces and would reduce the parking income to both the Civic Center and the City parking garages. He said the amount could be as much as \$20,000 a year. He said he felt this project would spur more diagonal parking downtown.

Council Member Gulley said he could support the diagonal parking plan but not the extension of meter parking until 9:00 P.M. He questioned if businesses had agreed with the 9:00 P.M. time frame. He said it was his understanding that downtown businesses did not want their patrons to have to pay to park until 9:00 P.M.

Council Member Gulley moved to approve the Fulton Street and Madison Avenue Diagonal Parking Plan as outlined, with the exception of extending the metered parking until 9:00 P.M. on Madison and Fulton Streets; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Council Member Nichting questioned how diagonal parking would impact the remainder of the downtown and how it would impact the City's parking decks. He said those costs should be known first so that additional money could be placed in the Budget for that purpose, if needed.

In discussion with Council Member Nichting regarding delays and traffic flow, Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle said anytime a four lane street was reduced to two lanes, there would be some potential delays in traffic movement.

Council Member Nichting expressed concern that the financial impact was not known prior to implementing the parking plan, what other streets would be involved, and the long term affect on the City's parking decks.

City Manager Oliver said it would be about one year before there would be a good traffic analysis to be able to provide good factual reports.

Council Member Grayeb said he did not want any changes made to downtown parking. He said he would like free parking for all of downtown. He said he was convinced it would be one of the biggest stimulators for business and bringing people downtown. He said he felt this would also bring in other revenues to the City, and the City needed to take a look at that. He said he felt the City was too dependent on revenue from downtown parking.

Motion to approve the Fulton Street and Madison Avenue Diagonal Parking Plan as outlined, with the exception of extending the metered parking until 9:00 P.M. on Madison and Fulton Streets, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Teplitz - 1.

NEW BUSINESS**(04-380) REQUEST for INFORMATION on the MAJOR ITEM REBATE PROGRAM**

Council Member Morris said a citizen who sold major items contacted him regarding the sales tax. He said the City retained the retail major item rebate program that would allow those businesses to stay as competitive as possible. He requested City Manager Randy Oliver to articulate what the program involved so the business community could take advantage of it.

City Manager Oliver said he would provide the information.

(04-381) DISCUSSION Regarding EMERGENCY TRANSPORT BUSINESS and the AMBULANCE that was Purchased by the Foreign Fire Tax Board.

Council Member Turner said about 18 months ago the Council decided there was no interest in getting into the emergency transport business. He said an ambulance had been purchased and RFP's had been issued to equip the vehicle and contacts had been made to initiate the certification process. He said these actions had been done with the knowledge of those at City Hall and some Council Members. He questioned if the City was getting into the emergency transport business and being placed in an economic situation that the City could not afford.

Council Member Turner requested to know what activities were currently underway and questioned basically if this was a new City asset or a change in policy. He said he needed to address this issue with several constituents.

City Manager Randy Oliver said the Foreign Fire Tax Board purchased an ambulance. He said the Foreign Fire Tax Board was funded through insurance premiums from insurance companies outside the State of Illinois. He said, under the rules established by the State, the Board could purchase anything that would benefit the fire service by majority vote. He said the City had not accepted the ambulance and protocol for use had not been submitted to him at this point. He said the ambulance was currently being stored at the Training Academy on Galena Road.

(04-382) REQUEST that Regarding the ISSUE of AFFORDABLE HOUSING and CITY SUBSIDIES that the Council Consider a Motion at the July 20, 2004, Regular City Council Meeting to Direct Staff Not to Bring Forward Any more Proposals for City-Financed Housing Developments Until the Council had an Opportunity to Review and Discuss the City's Policies Concerning the City's Financial Contribution to Housing Developments.

Council Member Ardis referred to the issue of affordable housing and City subsidies, and he moved, at the next Regular Council Meeting, that the Council consider a motion to direct Staff not to bring forward any more proposals for City-financed housing developments until the Council had an opportunity to review and discuss the City's policies concerning the City's financial contribution to housing developments; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

Council Member Ardis suggested this issue could be a topic for a Policy Session to be held soon, but he said that could be determined at the next regular meeting.

Council Member Spears requested a listing of affordable housing and what was needed regarding price range and what the demand was by the public. He requested the report back be provided prior to making the decision.

Council Member Thetford said there was an Affordable Housing Plan that had been established and developed by a consultant. She said she would hope that the Neighborhood Development Commission and the Housing Commission would be involved in the discussion.

Council Member Grayeb suggested contacting adjacent communities who participated in affordable housing to determine how they were handling the issue of affordable housing. He said he was interested in knowing to what extent they were putting resources toward affordable housing programs. He said he was specifically interested in the communities of Metamora, Germantown, Washington, and East Peoria. He said he would like this information before a Policy Session on this issue was held.

City Manager Randy Oliver said he would distribute a copy of the City's Affordable Housing Plan in the City Manager's packet this week. He said it may take some time to gather the other requested information. He said a Policy Session would not be scheduled until all the information had been obtained so an informed decision could be made.

Motion, at the next Regular Council Meeting, that the Council consider a motion to direct Staff not to bring forward any more proposals for City-financed housing developments until the Council had an opportunity to review and discuss the City's policies concerning the City's financial contribution to housing developments was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

(04-383) REQUEST from CITIZENS to Address the CITY COUNCIL Regarding Various Items.

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

Ms. Carol Luecht, 4407 W. Middle Road, said she owned property on Douglas Street and she expressed concern that in a City sweep, tickets were issued to her tenants who had parked on a rocked driveway. She said the tickets were issued because grass had been allowed to grow up through the rocks, so it was considered an unpaved driveway. She expressed concern that no warnings were issued prior to the tickets being issued. She explained that the area had been used for parking since the 1960's with no problems. She said the property had no garage or driveway and this would force on-street parking. She added if all the neighbors' cars had to park on the street, it would cause many traffic problems. She said this Ordinance was difficult for citizens to ascertain and this issue should not be handled in this manner. She said there should be exceptions to every rule.

City Manager Randy Oliver requested that Ms. Luecht meet with Director Landes to determine if a solution could be found to the problem.

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 Sandberg.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

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

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