

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, July 27, 2004, a Regular Meeting of the City Council to hold a Policy Session was held this date at 6:15 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, Mayor David Ransburg presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Council Members present: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 10; Absent: Teplitz - 1.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**REPORTS Regarding IMPACT of the STATE'S NEWLY PASSED BUDGET**

Mayor Ransburg said he received a call from Congressman Ray LaHood regarding the first appropriation bills passed by the House, which would include \$275,000 for OSF St. Francis Hospital, \$275,000 for Lakeview, \$275,000 for PeoriaNext, \$275,000 for Glen Oak Zoo, \$250,000 for Bradley University, and \$600,000 for the City for stormwater management and the Southern Gateway. He said this did not mean the money was certain because these allocations still had to be approved by the Senate and the Conference Committee, but this was almost \$2 million that may be coming to the City.

Mayor Ransburg said he had been asked what the impact of the State Budget would be for the City of Peoria, and he reported that the Homestead Exemption would be increased from \$3,500 to \$5,000 and that would cost approximately \$600,000 to \$700,000. He said the big impact would be on the School District since so much more of their revenue was obtained from property tax. He said the Firefighters' survivors increases would add approximately \$600,000 to \$700,000 to the City's costs. He said the State forecasted an increase in revenues to the City and State income tax of about \$4.50 per capita so that would be approximately \$500,000 to \$600,000. He said this was a reflection of the economy coming back. He added there would be another small amount coming back relating to the deduction process, which would be worth about another \$1.50.

Council Member Nichting said this information would impact the Peoria Township which relied 100% on real estate taxes and calculations were still being determined. He said, at some point, the Council as a body should have the courage to stand up against Springfield and say the City of Peoria would not continue to fund unfunded mandates and see how many other communities joined that cause. He said this was double taxation on the authorities and the City was already having a difficult time.

Mayor Ransburg said if the levy remained the same, it would shift the property tax burden from homeowners to businesses.

City Manager Randy Oliver also noted that the exemption for senior citizens was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

### **PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **(04-413) POLICY/WORKSHOP SESSION – PRESENTATION by the FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION.**

Council Member Nichting moved for the Council to go into a Policy/Workshop Session regarding a Presentation by the Fire & Police Commission; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Policy/Workshop Session opened at 6:20 P.M.

A Policy/Workshop Session regarding a Presentation by the Fire & Police Commission was held.

Council Member Grayeb moved to close the Policy/Workshop Session regarding a Presentation by the Fire & Police Commission; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Policy/Workshop Session closed at 8:29 P.M.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **(04-414) Requesting Approval of a Motion for the City Council to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent.**

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.



**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting to hold a Policy/Workshop Session Regarding a Presentation by the Fire & Police Commission; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Policy/Workshop Session adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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

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