

## : OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

## : OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, January 31, 2008, a Special City Council Meeting was held this date at 5:05 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Gulley, Jacob (arrived at 5:10 P.M.), Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11; Absent: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS**

**(08-041) REQUEST for APPROVAL of a MOTION for the CITY COUNCIL to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.**

Council Member Manning moved that the City Council go into Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

The City Council held the Executive Session in Room 404 at City Hall at 5:07 P.M.

Council Member Jacob arrived at 5:10 P.M.

**RECONVENING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

City Clerk Mary Haynes called the roll and showed the following Council Members were physically present: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11; Absent: None.

The Special City Council Meeting reconvened at 5:45 P.M.

**RECONVENING OF COUNCIL**

**(08-042) CONSIDERATION and ACTION Upon the HIRING of an INTERIM CITY MANAGER, and APPROVAL of an EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT with INTERIM CITY MANAGER.**

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray distributed a copy of the proposed Employment Contract with Mr. Henry Holling to all members of the Council.

Council Member Manning moved to hire Henry Holling as Interim City Manager pursuant to the terms of the Employment Contract presented in Closed Session and made public by this action, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Employment Contract; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Manning said the Council searched for an Interim City Manager who could step in and manage ongoing operations and move existing City plans and projects forward. He said it was made clear that the candidate would serve only on an interim basis and would not be considered for the full-time position of City Manager. He said existing Department Heads were discussed and considered for the interim position, but an opinion shared by many Council Members was that they did not want to negatively impact any department from progressing on existing projects. He spoke of Henry Holling's education and professional background, which included a four-year period beginning in 1965 when he served as the City's Assistant City Manager prior to his employment with Caterpillar, Inc. He also discussed Henry Holling's commitment and his work with local Boards and charitable organizations.

Council Member Sandberg said he shared most of the observations made by Council Member Manning. He stated he felt Henry Holling was committed to the Peoria community and he felt Mr. Holling would bring different perspectives forward for consideration. He added, even though they may not always agree, he would support the employment of Henry Holling as the Interim City Manager because he had always acted in the best interest of the City in his professional and personal dealings.

Council Member Van Auken said she would support the employment of Henry Holling as Interim City Manager due to her experiences in knowing him, and she stated he was fortunate to be working with a strong and excellent City Staff.

Mayor Ardis said he appreciated the supportive comments made by Council Members and he spoke in support of the employment of Henry Holling as Interim City Manager and his broad professional experience that would benefit his work with the City. He added he appreciated the fact that Henry Holling was in a position to be available to assist the City on an interim basis, and he looked forward to working with the newly appointed Interim City Manager.

In discussion with Council Member Jacob regarding the enforcement of the standard Code of Conduct for Commission Members, Corporation Counsel Randy Ray confirmed that the Code of Conduct for Commission Members was currently in effect.

Motion to hire Henry Holling as Interim City Manager pursuant to the terms of the Employment Contract presented in Closed Session and made public by this action, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Employment Contract was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Nichting, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Van Auken,  
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Montelongo, Spain - 2.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Spain moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Special City Council Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P. M.