



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick Urich, City Manager

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED: November 10, 2011

ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE FY2012 OPERATING BUDGET.

BACKGROUND: The City Manager will provide additional information and seek direction on the FY2012 operating budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: n/a

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: n/a

IMPACT IF APPROVED: n/a

IMPACT IF DENIED: n/a

ALTERNATIVES: None.

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER:

WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?

1. Have an efficient government.

Department Director

Finance Director

Corporation Counsel

City Manager

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

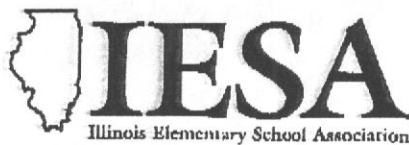
Patrick Urich

City Manager

Randal Ray

(Certification of Availability of Funds)

Patrick Urich



The IESA will provide the leadership to ensure safe, equitable opportunities so students in our member schools can be enriched by participation in interscholastic activities which promote good sportsmanship, integrity and life skills.

November 9, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

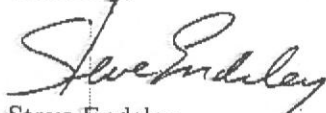
Since the spring of 1999 when the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) moved our state track and field meets from Washington to East Peoria, we have had a partner that has provided an invaluable service to the Association as well as to the hundreds of schools and thousands of fans that attend our state meets. That partner is the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. The PACVB has assisted us in ways that are too numerous to mention. Most importantly, they work with the area hotels to accommodate all of the people who stay in hotels for those two days each May.

Schools often will frantically call my office looking for hotel space because they qualified more students for the track meet than they had planned. We send those calls to the PACVB. Their staff is friendly, knowledgeable and dependent. They are able to find hotels and overnight accommodations for people who will be travelling to the Peoria area. At the meet itself, the PACVB staff is in attendance to answer questions about restaurants, attractions, and things to do in the Peoria area. This is well-received by fans in attendance for some local knowledge about Peoria and the surrounding community.

When IESA began to think about holding our state baseball tournament at the EastSide facility, our cheerleading competition at the Peoria Civic Center, and just this past summer discussing holding the state scholastic bowl finals in Peoria, one of our first calls was to the PACVB. Without their services, a void will exist for schools, parents, and fans who need the type of services the PACVB can and does provide. As the Executive Director, one of my concerns when looking at a community that wants to host our major events is the type of service a convention and visitors bureau can provide. I can honestly say that the PACVB provides the kind of service we expect and we need and is by far the best one with whom we work. The staff is simply outstanding and they want to showcase Peoria and the Peoria area in a most positive way.

I would strongly urge that the funding for the PACVB not be reduced. The money allocated to the PACVB is used to attract conventions and events to Peoria. Those monies eventually find their way to the hospitality industry, to the workers, and to the businesses. In my opinion, money distribute to their office, is money well spent.

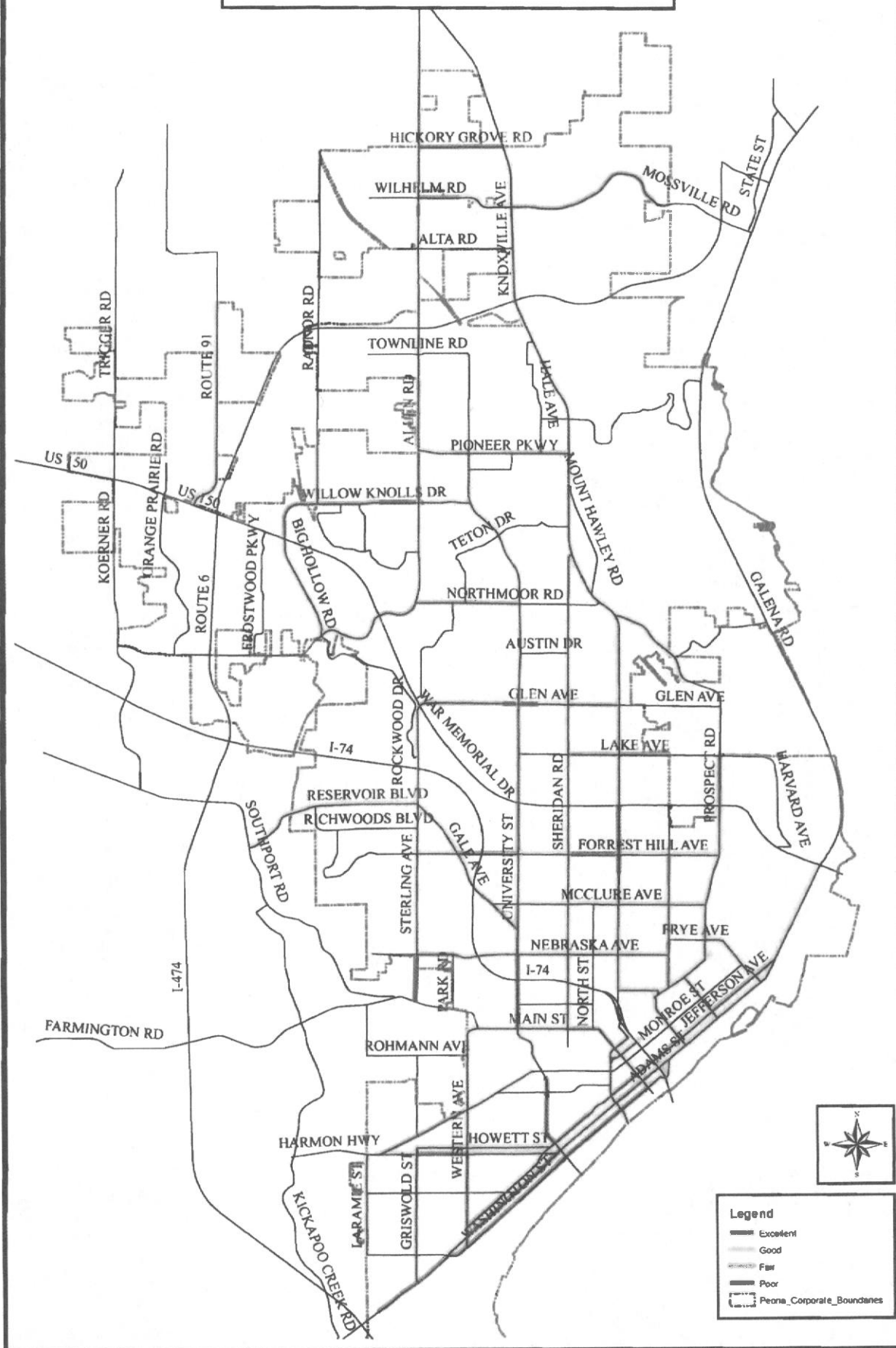
Sincerely,


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