

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, Tuesday, December 9, 2008, a Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting was held this date at 6:18 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Council Members physically present: Gulley (arrived at 6:20 P.M.), Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;
Absent: Sandberg - 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection. He requested the family of Bill Washkuhn be remembered due to his recent passing; the family of City Clerk Deputy Debbie Pinkney be remembered due to the passing of her mother, and Pekin's Mayor Dave Tebben be remembered due to his illness. Mayor Ardis then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: PHILIP LOCKWOOD: 2008 MARATHONFOTO/ROAD RACE
MANAGEMENT RACE DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

PROCLAMATION: JESSICA WYNN: 2008 IHSA CLASS 2A GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
STATE FINALS RUNNER UP

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Executive Sessions held on November 25, 2008, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

(08-607) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Approval of a RESOLUTION Adopting the 2009 BUDGET for the CITY OF PEORIA.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve a Resolution adopting the 2009 Budget for the City Of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-607 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (08-608) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of an ORDINANCE LEVYING the TAXES for FISCAL YEAR 2009 for MUNICIPAL PURPOSES for the CITY OF PEORIA.**

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins distributed a revised Ordinance to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the revised Ordinance levying the taxes for Fiscal Year 2009 for Municipal Purposes for the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Spain.

ORDINANCE NO. 16,368 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (08-609) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Information Systems Requesting Approval of a PURCHASE of DELL PERSONAL COMPUTERS from DELL, in the Amount of \$66,720.00, as Part of the Annual Information Technology Refreshment Plan.**
- (08-610) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Police Chief Requesting Approval of a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of FOUR (4) DIGITAL MOTORCYCLE-MOUNTED CAMERAS and the NECESSARY PERIPHERALS from L3 COMMUNICATIONS MOBILE VISION, INC., in the Amount of \$20,800.00.**
- (08-611) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works with Recommendation to REJECT ALL BIDS for the REPAIR of CITY OF PEORIA DESIGN AREA 1 SEWERS CIPP MANHOLE TO MANHOLE, PROJECT 8, and Authorize the Greater Peoria Sanitary District to REBID THE PROJECT on the City's Behalf.**
- (08-612) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Concurrence in the CONTRACT AWARD by the GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT for the 2009 REPAIR and MODIFICATION of VARIOUS SANITARY SEWERS to WIEGAND & STORRER, INC., in the Amount of \$33,390.40.**
- (08-613) * Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a PROPOSED AMENDMENT to LEASE AGREEMENT NO. 08-213 with CATERPILLAR INC. for Employee Parking on the MUSEUM BLOCK During the Reconstruction of the Caterpillar Inc. Parking Deck, and Requesting Authorization for the Mayor to Sign the Amendment with Extension Options to the Original Term to December 31, 2009.**
- (08-614) ** Communication from the Interim City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of the THIRD AMENDMENT to CITY OF PEORIA/MUSEUM BLOCK REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, and Requesting Authorization for the Mayor to Execute the Agreement.**

- (08-615) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of an AMENDMENT #1 to the PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with CLARK DIETZ, INC. for ENGINEERING SERVICES for the HOLLY HEDGES/DEVEREUX STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT, and Requesting Authorization for the Interim City Manager to Execute. (Amends Item No. 04-178)
- (08-616) *** Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of TASK ORDER NO. 3 to AGREEMENT NO. 07-040, the 2007 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with MACTEC ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC., with an Effective Date of January 1, 2009, and a Completion Date of December 31, 2009, for a Total Additional Compensation Amount Not to Exceed \$650,000.00 to Assist the City in the Development and Negotiation of a LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN to MEET the REQUIREMENTS of the NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT for the City's Combined Sewer Outfalls.
- (08-617) **** Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the SEWER IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT with the GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT for the REPAIR OF SEWERS, as a Part of the City of Peoria's Sewer Rehabilitation (Design Area 1 Sewers, CIPP Manhole to Manhole, Project 9) and Concur in the Award of the CONTRACT for the Work to INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, INC., in the Amount the of \$540,570.00.
- (08-618) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Adoption of the Following:
- A. ORDINANCE NO. 16,369 Amending Ordinance Nos. 16,345, 16,346, and 16,347 Pertaining to the HOSPITALITY IMPROVEMENT ZONE TAX INCREMENT BUSINESS DISTRICT;
- B. ORDINANCE NO. 16,370 Amending Ordinance No. 15,355 Pertaining to the BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.
- (08-619) Communication from Interim City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 16,371 Amending the CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2008 Relating to LIBRARY GRANTS, GIFTS AND MEMORIALS, in the Amount of \$60,786.00, and USE of CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, in the Amount of \$82,269.00.
- (08-620) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 16,372 Amending the CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2008 Relating to the WAL-MART DONATION and ITTF/IESMA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) GRANT.
- (08-621) ***** Communication from the Interim City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2008 Relating to the FEMA REIMBURSEMENT for MABAS DEPLOYMENT, in the Amount of \$24,650.00.

- (08-622) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 16,373 Amending the CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2008 Relating to the VARIOUS POLICE GRANTS: ANTI-GANG INITIATIVE GRANT FFY06, in the Amount of \$3,956.00 and FFY07, in the Amount of \$22,600.00; VICTIMS ASSISTANCE GRANT, in the Amount of \$20,000.00; DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TEAM GRANT, in the Amount of \$54,359.00; TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT GRANT, in the Amount of \$15,840.00; SPEED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT, in the Amount of \$46,120.00; HIGHWAY SAFETY IMAGE GRANT, in the Amount of \$42,404.00; and SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT, in the Amount of \$6,146.00.
- (08-623) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works

* Regarding the REPORT on the MAIN STREET TRAFFIC STUDY Prepared by HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC., with Request to Receive and File. (Refer to Item No. 08-082)
- (08-624) REPORT of the CITY TREASURER, REGINALD A. WILLIS, for the MONTH of SEPTEMBER 2008, with Request to Receive and File.
- (08-625) PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY USE INDEX and STATISTICAL REPORT dated OCTOBER 31, 2008, with Request to Receive and File.

Mayor Ardis questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Turner requested Item Nos. 08-613 and 08-614 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Spain requested Item No. 08-623 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Montelongo requested Item No. 08-621 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Manning requested Item Nos. 08-613, 08-614 and 08-617 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Ardis requested Item No. 08-616 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 08-609 through 08-625 (excluding Item Nos. 08-613, 08-614, 08-616, 08-617, 08-621 and 08-623 which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (08-613) * Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a PROPOSED AMENDMENT to LEASE AGREEMENT NO. 08-213 with CATERPILLAR INC. for Employee Parking on the MUSEUM BLOCK During the Reconstruction of the Caterpillar Inc. Parking Deck, and Requesting Authorization for the Mayor to Sign the Amendment with Extension Options to the Original Term to June 30, 2009.***

*Corporation Counsel Randy Ray distributed a revised Agreement to all members of the City Council changing the date to June 30, 2009.

Council Member Turner said he would be abstaining from discussion and vote on this item due to his employment with Caterpillar Inc.

Council Member Manning moved to approve the revised proposed amendment to Lease Agreement No. 08-213 with Caterpillar Inc. for employee parking on the Museum Block during the reconstruction of the Caterpillar Inc. Parking Deck, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Amendment with extension options to the Original Term to June 30, 2009; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

In response to Council Member Montelongo, Corporation Counsel Randall Ray responded it was out of liability concerns the parking area not be used by the public during holiday weekends.

Motion to approve the revised amendment to Lease Agreement No. 08-213 with Caterpillar Inc. for employee parking on the Museum Block during reconstruction of the Caterpillar Inc. Parking Deck, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Amendment, with extension options to the Original Term to June 30, 2009, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Spain, Spears, Van Auken,

Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Turner - 1.

- (08-614) ** Communication from the Interim City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of the THIRD AMENDMENT to CITY OF PEORIA/MUSEUM BLOCK REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, and Requesting Authorization for the Mayor to Execute the Agreement.**

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray distributed a replacement communication to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Turner said he would be abstaining from discussion and vote on this item due to his employment with Caterpillar Inc.

Council Member Manning expressed concern that approving the Third Amendment to the Museum Block Redevelopment Agreement would implement a one-fourth percent County-wide sales tax increase. He said the costs on this project continued to escalate, and risk and uncertainty were abundant as the Museum could not be self sustaining. He suggested an alternate plan which could include private ownership of the property for retail, condominiums and possibly upscale hotel rooms. He commended Caterpillar Chairman Jim Owens for his work on this project. He also proposed Caterpillar should proceed with their Visitor Center, and the City of Peoria should offer them a deal for the rest of the block. He said he thought perhaps a new Caterpillar Headquarters could be built on this property. He concluded his alternate idea produced a plan that did not depend on public assistance.

Council Member Spain moved to approve the Third Amendment to the City of Peoria Museum Block Redevelopment Agreement, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

Council Member Spain said if this project proceeded, it would be the taxpayers who decided if the tax increase was worth having Caterpillar plant its roots in Peoria. He said he felt other options had already been considered, and said there was no reason for Caterpillar to move ahead with a Visitor Center without the Museum.

Mayor Ardis clarified the vote this evening was not about the relevancy of the project, but about approving the Third Amendment to the Museum Block Redevelopment Agreement.

Motion to approve the Third Amendment to City of Peoria Museum Block Redevelopment Agreement, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Montelongo, Nichting, Spain, Spears, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: Manning – 1;

Abstention: Turner – 1.

(08-616)

Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of TASK ORDER NO. 3 to AGREEMENT NO. 07-040, the 2007 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with MACTEC ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC., with an Effective Date of January 1, 2009, and a Completion Date of December 31, 2009, for a Total Additional Compensation Amount Not to Exceed \$650,000.00 to Assist the City in the Development and Negotiation of a LONG-TERM CONTROL PLAN to MEET the REQUIREMENTS of the NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT for the City's Combined Sewer Outfalls.

Mayor Ardis said he would be abstaining from discussion and vote on this item due to his employer's relationship with MACTEC Engineering.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve Task Order No. 3 to Agreement No. 07-040, the 2007 Professional Services Agreement with MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., with an effective date of January 1, 2009, and a completion date of December 31, 2009, for a total additional compensation amount not to exceed \$650,000.00 to assist the City in the Development and Negotiation of a long-term control plan to meet the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the City's combined sewer outfalls; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken - 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Mayor Ardis – 1.

(08-617)

Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the SEWER IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT with the GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT for the REPAIR OF SEWERS, as a Part of the City of Peoria's Sewer Rehabilitation (Design Area 1 Sewers, CIPP Manhole to Manhole, Project 9) and Concur in the Award of the CONTRACT for the Work to INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, INC., in the Amount of \$540,570.00.

After a brief discussion with Public Works Director Dave Barber, Council Member Manning moved to approve the Sewer Improvement Agreement with the Greater Peoria Sanitary District for the repair of sewers, as a part of the City of Peoria's Sewer Rehabilitation (Design Area 1 Sewers, CIPP Manhole to Manhole, Project 9) and concur in the award of the contract for the work to Insituform Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$540,570.00; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(08-621) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Finance
***** Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending the
CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2008 Relating to the FEMA
REIMBURSEMENT for MABAS DEPLOYMENT, in the Amount of \$24,650.00.**

After a brief discussion with Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins and Fire Chief Kent Tomblin, Council Member Montelongo moved to approve the adoption of an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 relating to the FEMA Reimbursement for MABAS Deployment, in the amount of \$24,650.00; seconded by Council Member Nichting.

ORDINANCE NO. 16,374 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(08-623) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works
***** Regarding the REPORT on the MAIN STREET TRAFFIC STUDY Prepared by
* HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC., with Request to Receive and File.
(Refer to Item No. 08-082)**

In response to Council Member Spain, Council Member Van Auken explained once a consensus of ideas was met by business owners on Main Street and the 11 surrounding neighborhoods, the \$10,000,000.00 project would move forward in development, design and engineering. She said she would like to see progress on this project in the next three to four years.

Council Member Spain moved to Receive and File the report on the Main Street Traffic Study prepared by Hanson Professional Services, Inc.; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(08-626) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Communications Manager
Requesting Approval of a NEW LOGO for the CITY OF PEORIA.**

Jane Converse and Jason Salyers of Converse Marketing presented the proposed new logo and brand message along with tagline options for the City of Peoria which was distributed to each Council Member.

Council Member Van Auken expressed concern that she did not feel the logo proposed was the one chosen by the results of a survey taken of the Council Member's preferences, nor members of the public.

Jason Salyers explained how they arrived at determining which logo would be chosen. They explained they sought quantitative and qualitative feedback from various resources, and they said it was not solely based upon a democratic process.

In response to Council Member Turner, Interim City Manager Henry Holling explained it was important to refresh an image every two decades. He said although Peoria was not competing in the marketplace, they were competing for the perception of a progressive exciting City.

Council Member Turner expressed a new logo should change everything affected concurrently. He said because the City did not have the funds to deploy the new image fully, he said he was concerned two logos would be circulating at the same time.

In response to Council Member Gulley, Interim City Manager Henry Holling explained \$20,000 would be needed to update everything at once, and this money was included in the 2009 Budget.

Council Member Jacob said he felt Council Member Turner had a good point. He said the proposed logo captured the downtown and stretching river view, which was the characteristic that set Peoria apart from other cities. He added the Indian Head logo did not express all that Peoria represented.

Council Member Jacob moved to approve the new logo for the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Spain.

In discussion with Communications Manager Alma Brown, Council Member Spain said he felt not only the logo was important, but the branding. He said he would like the Council to approve only the logo at this time. He said he felt the tagline presented this evening, which he felt told a story to the public, did not represent Peoria. He further discussed the importance of the next step of capturing the vision or theme of the community, which was more than a picture.

Council Member Gulley stated he felt more work needed to be completed before further presentation of the new logo was made so there would be acceptance.

Mayor Ardis thanked Converse Marketing and said he felt this had been a good process even though it equated to "change," which he said was sometimes hard to accept.

Motion to approve a new logo for the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Spain, Spears, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: Turner, Van Auken – 2.

- (08-627) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Human Resources Commission (HRC) to Approve PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING, in the Amount of \$285,477.00, Utilizing 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS from the U.S. DEPARTMENT of HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, and to Request Permission to Adjust Said Funding, if Necessary, for Each Funded Application by the Percentage of Change in HUD's 2009 CDBG Allocation to the City of Peoria.**

Council Member Van Auken moved to concur with the recommendation from the Human Resources Commission (HRC) to approve Public Service Funding, in the amount of \$285,477.00, utilizing 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to adjust said funding, if necessary, for each funded application by the percentage of change in HUD's 2009 CDBG allocation to the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (08-628) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Human Resources Commission (HRC) to Approve EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) FUNDING, in the Amount of \$85,092.00, Utilizing Funds from the U. S. DEPARTMENT of HOUSING and URBAN DEVELOPMENT, and to Request Permission to Adjust Said Funding, if Necessary, for Each Funded Application by the Percentage of Change in HUD's 2009 ESG Allocation to the City of Peoria.**

Council Member Van Auken moved to concur with the recommendation from the Human Resources Commission (HRC) to approve Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Funding, in the amount of \$85,092.00, utilizing funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to adjust said funding, if necessary, for each funded application by the percentage of change in HUD's 2009 ESG allocation to the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

- (08-629) Communication from the Town Officials Budget Committee Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE LEVYING and ASSESSING TAXES for the FISCAL YEAR Beginning APRIL 1, 2008, and Ending MARCH 31, 2009, for the GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND of the Town of the City of Peoria, Illinois, in the Amount of \$1,316,897.00.**

Trustee Nichting moved to adopt an Ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2008, and ending March 31, 2008, for the Town General Assistance Fund of the Town of the City of Peoria, in the Amount of \$1,316,897.00; seconded by Trustee Turner.

TOWN ORDINANCE NO. TO-08-02 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (08-630) Communication from the Town Officials Budget Committee Recommending Adoption of an ORDINANCE LEVYING and ASSESSING TAXES for the FISCAL YEAR Beginning APRIL 1, 2008, and Ending MARCH 31, 2009, for the TOWN GENERAL FUND and I.M.R.F. FUND of the Town of the City of Peoria, Illinois, in the Amount of \$756,957.00**

Trustee Nichting moved to adopt an Ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2008, and ending March 31, 2008, for the Town General Fund and I.M.R.F. Fund of the Town of the City of Peoria, in the Amount of \$756,957.00; seconded by Trustee Spain.

TOWN ORDINANCE NO. TO-08-03 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FROM COUNCIL MEMBER GULLEY FOR STAFF TO APPLY FOR A POCKET PARK GRANT FOR 2009

Council Member Gulley requested Staff reapply for a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to fund a program that was conducted in 2008 named Pocket Parks. He said if the City was not able to obtain funding again, he asked Staff to look for the funds elsewhere.

In response to Mayor Ardis, Interim City Manager Henry Holling commented he would pursue this issue.

REQUEST FOR REPORT BACK REGARDING THE CABLE CHANNELS

Council Member Nichting asked Corporation Counsel Randy Ray to provide a report back on whether specific television channels could be protected. He explained some channels that become popular were removed from traditional programming and sold at a premium.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray reported he would report back. He additionally noted the Cable Franchise had been extended to the end of January, so the contract would be returning soon.

- (08-631) Request from Council Member Spears to bring back for Council Consideration a RESOLUTION demanding GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH RESIGN FROM OFFICE**

Council Member Spears expressed concern that Governor Blagojevich had broken public trust by allegedly attempting to sell a United States Senate seat. He said Governor Blagojevich was an embarrassment to the State of Illinois, the United States of America and to President-elect Barack Obama. He urged the Council to send this message to the State Legislators.

Council Member Spears moved to direct the Administration to bring back for Council Consideration a Resolution demanding Governor Blagojevich resign from office; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**(08-632) Request for CITIZENS to ADDRESS the CITY COUNCIL Regarding VARIOUS ISSUES.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council.

Lavetta Ricca, President of the Old Town South Homeowners Association, expressed her concern about the rezoning of property at 507 and 517 S. Western, and the neighborhood was concerned how the property would be used. (Refer to 08-599)

Savino Sierra, a Peoria resident, expressed his objection to the City's new logo. He said he felt the money could be used for other needs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

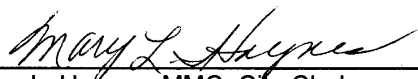
It was determined an Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Nichting moved to adjourn the Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.



Mary L. Haynes, MMC, City Clerk
City of Peoria, Illinois

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