

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 2004**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 1, 2004 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Patt, and Wyman – 4; absent: Whelan – 1.

Also present were staff members: Police Chief Eddie Adair, Public Works Director Bill Gray, City Attorney Steve Holz, Economic Development Division Manager John Regetz, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderwoman Patt moved approval of the minutes of the October 18, 2004 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Alex Ruggieri, 1917 South Neil Street, Champaign, complimented City Staff and the Council for the progress that has been made in recent years in the area of economic development in the City. Mr. Ruggieri donated books to the City entitled

Boom Town U.S.A., The Seven and One Half Keys to Big Success in a Small

Town, written by Jack Schultz.

Durl Kruse, 2007 South George Huff Drive, introduced himself to the Council as a candidate for the interim Council position in Ward 7.

Alderwoman Wyman reminded the public that Tuesday, November 2, 2004 is Election Day and polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were none.

Committee of the Whole

The next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 8, 2004 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Police Chief Eddie Adair reported on the 80 police reports made during the Homecoming/Halloween weekend. Many of the calls were for loud music.

Economic Development Division Manager John Regetz presented a report on the progress of the Economic Development Department.

Mayor Satterthwaite read a Proclamation honoring Pat Stebbins, of the Housing Authority, for her volunteer contributions.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report on **Resolution No. 2004-11-022R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Urbana (Goodwin Avenue)**. This is an agreement to construct a bike path facility from the University of Illinois Campus to Bradley Avenue. The path shall be located on Goodwin Avenue from Springfield Avenue to Bradley Avenue.

Alderman Hayes moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-11-022R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Urbana (Goodwin Avenue)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

City Attorney Steve Holz presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2004-11-139: A Revised Ordinance Authorizing the City Attorney to Request That the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Exceptions for Conflicts of Interest of Former Alderperson Laura Huth**. Previously Mr. Holz had submitted an ordinance to Council that would have authorized him to seek a waiver from HUD for Laura Huth's conflict of interest. At that time, Ms. Huth requested that the waiver question be removed from the agenda and Council complied with her request.

Despite the intervening circumstances, a waiver from HUD is still needed. Mr. Holz reminded Ms. Huth of that in a letter dated October 12, 2004 and informed her that the issued would be before the Committee of the Whole on October 25, 2004. After receipt of that letter, Ms. Huth announced that she would resign her City Council position and requested that Mr. Holz delay bringing the ordinance to Council until November 1, 2004. Mr. Holz complied with the request.

Following debate, Alderwoman Wyman moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2004-11-139: A Revised Ordinance Authorizing the City Attorney to Request That the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Exceptions for Conflicts of Interest of Former Alderperson Laura Huth.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes and carried 4-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Patt, and Wyman – 4; voting nay: none.

Mr. Gray presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2004-11-140: An Ordinance Granting a Permanent Easement (Ameren IP).** Part of the work with the developers of the Stratford Residences involves how utilities will be rerouted in that area. This ordinance would grant a ten-foot wide easement to Ameren IP for an underground primary electric service.

Following debate, Alderwoman Wyman moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2004-11-140: An Ordinance Granting a Permanent Easement (Ameren IP).** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Patt, Wyman, and Mayor Satterthwaite – 5; voting nay: none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.
**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: November 15, 2004