

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 16, 1993

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 16, 1993 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Hayes, Ryan, Taylor and Whelan -

4. Alderwoman Barr and Aldermen Pollock and Singer were absent - 3.

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Mayor Tod Satterthwaite.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Whelan moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 1993 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that three items will be deleted from the agenda and subsequently addressed at a Special Council Meeting scheduled for August 23, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. The Mayor explained that the ordinances could not be addressed at this meeting with only four Members in attendance because approval would require six affirmative votes. The items deleted under Reports of Standing Committees, Committee on Administration and Finance were: An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City Of Urbana And Acquired Under The Community Development Program (1103 North Gregory) and An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City Of Urbana And Acquired Under The Community Development Program (1106 West Eads). The item deleted under New Business was An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Annexation Agreement (Arcola First National Bank Land Trust 278).

Mayor Satterthwaite requested that An Ordinance Amending Chapter One Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Urbana, Illinois Concerning Minimum Fines For Ordinance Violations And The

Settlement Of Violations Without Filing Suit be added to the agenda as the last item under Reports of Standing Committees, Committee on Administration and Finance. There were no objections.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Earl O'Shea, 606A South Glover Avenue, addressed the Council regarding better government.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Administration and Finance

Alderman Hayes moved to adopt An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (1202 North Gregory Street). The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan and carried 4-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Ryan, Taylor and Whelan - 4; voting nay: none.

Alderman Taylor moved to adopt An Ordinance Amending Chapter One Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Urbana, Illinois Concerning Minimum Fines For Ordinance Violations And The Settlement Of Violations Without Filing Suit, as amended by the Committee on Administration and Finance (Setting the minimum fine for 3-62, Carrying open container of alcoholic liquor out of liquor service premises and 15-64, Public urination and defecation prohibited at \$50.00). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan.

Alderman Whelan moved to amend by setting the minimum fine for violation of 15-64, Public Urination and defecation prohibited at \$75.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman Taylor and carried by a show of hands vote.

The motion to adopt the ordinance as amended carried 4-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Ryan, Taylor and Whelan - 4; voting nay: none.

In Alderman Pollock's absence, Alderman Hayes reported that the next regular meeting of the Committee on Administration and Finance will be September 13, 1993 at 7:30 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Safety

In Alderman Singer's absence, Alderwoman Ryan reported that the next regular meeting of the Committee on Environment and Public Safety will be August 23, 1993 following the Special City Council meeting.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Satterthwaite read into the record a memorandum to Council Members from the Mayor dated August 16, 1993 regarding the Charter House as follows: "Bruce Walden, Police Chief Schlieter, Assistant Fire Chief Pettyjohn and I met with the owner, Mr. Lu, and manager, Ms. Dalton, of the Charter House Inn last week about the concern that the City has with the alarming amount of crime, police calls, and arrests at the motel.

I made it clear to Mr. Lu and Ms. Dalton that the City cannot tolerate having a hotel or motel that has such a poor record with regard to public safety and crimes of all kinds. I informed them that the City would help them by making recommendations for improvement, but that the responsibility for running a respectable establishment belongs with them as owner and manager.

Police Chief Schlieter suggested a number of security and safety improvements for the facility and Assistant Fire Chief Pettyjohn is requiring a number of improvements with regard to fire safety. Our Community Development Department will also be inspecting the premises and making a report to Mr. Lu and Ms. Dalton. All of these requirements and suggestions have been or will be presented to the

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Charter House in writing.

I am committed to seeing that the record for crime and public safety improve at the Charter House Inn. I will meet again with the owner in the near future to see that progress is being made. Should there not be sufficient progress, existing procedures for abating nuisances will be used to address the situation at this facility.

There are ordinances in other cities which license and regulate hotels and motels. These types of ordinances can be considered by the Council if the Charter House Inn continues to be a crime and public safety problem."

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Whelan moved to adopt An Amendment To A Part Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois And The Zoning Map Of Urbana, Illinois - 1908 N. Lincoln Avenue (Plan Case No. 1512-M-93). The motion was seconded by Alderman Taylor and carried 4-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Ryan, Taylor and Whelan - 4; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to adopt An Ordinance Approving A Final Plat - Veach Replat (Plan Case No. 1514-S-93). The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan and carried 4-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Ryan, Taylor and Whelan - 4; voting nay: none.

Alderman Whelan moved to approve release of the Beringer Commons Subdivision Phase I Subdivision Performance Bond in the amount of \$133,117.11 and acceptance of the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$63,558.31. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan and carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Tod Satterthwaite  
Mayor

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.

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