

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1994**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 17, 1994 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: James Hayes, Jr.; Esther Patt; Michael Pollock; Marya Ryan; Clifford Singer; John Taylor; Joseph Whelan

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor; Phyllis Clark, City Clerk; Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer; April Getchius, Community Development Director; William Gray, Public Works Director; Thomas Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney; Bruce Stoffel, CD Division Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Earl O'Shea; Wilmer Otto; John Peterson; Ben Thomason; Media

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Satterthwaite.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Patt moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 1994 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan.

The motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 1994 regular meeting carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alderman Pollock moved to add "A Resolution Authorizing Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Administration of a Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County HOME Investment Partnerships Consortium" to the agenda following item E.1.b. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Pollock noted that item E.1.d was put on the agenda for tonight by mistake rather than sent to next week's Committee meeting. Alderman Pollock moved that item E.1.d be removed from tonight's agenda and put on Environment and Public Safety agenda for next Monday. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan. The motion carried by a voice vote, 7:0.

Mayor Satterthwaite noted that the address listed in item E.1.c should read 106 North High Cross Road rather than 106 North High

Street.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Ben Thomason, 1111 Philo Road, addressed the Council on the topic of garbage franchise. Mr. Thomason stated that the homeowners are opposed to this franchise and would like to select their own haulers.

Mr. Earl O'Shea, 606-A Glover, addressed the Council on the topic of better government.

Mr. Wilmer Otto, P.O. Box 244, addressed the Council on the topic of the Otto annexation. Mr. Otto stated that he is committed to developing the land in a fashion that will be a job-creating industrial park, that will also create a tax base for the City of Urbana, and create opportunities for other kinds of enrichment activities that occur in a community that has a sound economic base.

Alderman Whelan stated that inquiries had been brought to his attention regarding the staffing of the Urbana Fire Department. Alderman Whelan expressed his concerns that adequate staffing be made to the Fire Department. He further stated his support for the negotiations, however, emphasized his concern to insure proper funding be made for a full complement of fire fighters.

Alderman Whelan also addressed the issue of the hiring of the new Police Chief. Whelan requested that in future negotiations for hiring someone, the Council be kept better informed of the process as it goes along.

Alderman Whelan noticed that John Peterson, a former Alderman, was in the audience and asked if he could ask him a question regarding the cable process. Alderman Whelan inquired if Mr. Peterson knew that converter boxes would be necessary. Mr. Peterson's response was that he knew it would be necessary for the premium channels, but did not know this would be required for basic channels. Peterson stated that if they had known of this requirement, the Council would have been apprised of it at the time the franchise was being considered for approval.

Alderman Hayes acknowledged the cooperation between the community and the Police Department and the teachers, parents and students with regard to the Urbana High School Homecoming Parade. Hayes stated that he thought this was a good example of how people could work together toward one common goal.

Alderman Singer noted that we are several months overdue on Rules Committee meeting.

Back on the issue of the cable process, Alderman Singer mentioned the previous Franchise Agreement regarding the method of delivery of the signal and asked Mr. Peterson some questions about the change in law. Alderman Singer also stated that he had received quite a few inquiries regarding cable and that he had received a phone call from a Mr. Fender who is interested in organizing a consumer action group. Singer requested that this issue be placed on the agenda for next week.

Alderwoman Patt stated that she had been contacted by some people who are concerned about the sale of the Jacques House next to the Urbana Free Library. Patt requested that this issue be placed on the agenda for discussion next week.

Mayor Satterthwaite responded to Alderman Whelan's issue of the Police Chief hiring process. Mayor Satterthwaite stated that he understood from Mr. Walden and other staff members that the police hiring process was more open than other department head hirings have been in the past.

Mayor Satterthwaite also responded to inquiries made by Mr. Thomason regarding the garbage franchise issue. Mayor Satterthwaite informed Mr. Thomason that he could get a copy of the draft RFP (Request For Proposal) that would address a number of his fears, and noted that there were two sections in the RFP that dealt with the complaint system (i.e., hauler leaving a bag of garbage in the driveway) and in many cases could be remedied the same day the complaint was filed. Regarding curb side service and back door service, Mayor Satterthwaite stated that it would be the choice of the homeowner; no one is going to mandate that anyone use the curb or the back door.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Administration and Finance

Alderman Pollock moved to approve "An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of A Loan Extension Agreement With the Illinois Housing Development Authority For Housing Construction, Eads At Lincoln Subdivision." The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes. With a roll call, the vote was as follows:

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderman Singer - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye

Aldерwoman Ryan - Aye

The motion carried 7-Ayes; 0-Nays.

Alderman Pollock moved to adopt the amended version of "A Resolution Amending An Agreement To Participate In A Home Investment Partnerships Consortium As Authorized By Resolution No. 9394-R35." The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Pollock moved to adopt "A Resolution Authorizing Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Administration Of A Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County HOME Investment Partnerships Consortium." The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Pollock moved to approve "An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Annexation Agreement Between The City Of Urbana And State Bank Of Arthur As Trustee Under Land Trust No. 311 (106 North High Cross Road)." The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan.

To respond to an inquiry made by a woman in the audience, Mayor Satterthwaite asked April Getchius to explain how this annexation came to be when the property in question was not contiguous to the City of Urbana. Ms Getchius explained that the City routinely does annexation agreements with properties that are not contiguous to the city limits and works with the intervening property owners to accomplish annexation.

With a roll call, the vote was as follows:

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderman Singer - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye
Alderwoman Ryan - Aye	Mayor Satterthwaite - Aye

The motion carried 8-Ayes; 0-Nays.

Alderman Pollock stated that the next meeting of the Committee on Administration and Finance will be Monday, November 14, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

Committee on Environment and Public Safety

Alderman Singer stated that the Committee on Environment and Public Safety will meet on October 24, 1994, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alderman Pollock reported that the cable meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 1994 had been canceled and will be rescheduled sometime in mid-November.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Bruce Walden commented on the Fire Department situation noting that the first meeting involving arbitration is scheduled for next Thursday, October 27, 1994, in Chicago.

Mr. Walden reported that a new Police Chief had been hired and then commended Charles Gordon, Acting Police Chief, for his service to the City of Urbana during the absence of a Police Chief.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of new business was the confirmation of appointment of Chief of Police. Before proceeding with the confirmation, Mayor Satterthwaite also acknowledged Mr. Gordon for his services with the Urbana Police Department.

Mayor Satterthwaite submitted the appointment of Eddie Adair as the new Urbana Police Chief for the Council's approval. Mayor Satterthwaite reported that Mr. Adair had been with the Memphis Police Department for 27 years, received a Bachelor's in Political Science and Police Administration from Memphis State University, has accomplished a number of innovative programs in Memphis including an award winning community policing program, and comes very highly recommended from his colleagues and peers in the Memphis area.

Alderwoman Patt moved to accept the appointment of Eddie Adair as Police Chief. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes. Following discussion regarding the hiring process of the Police Chief, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Singer moved to approve "An Ordinance Amending Section 14-3 And Schedule L Of Section 14-7 Of Article XVII Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking On Certain Streets And Designating Yellow Curbs." The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan.

Alderman Singer asked William Gray to explain why this ordinance was before the Council. Mr. Gray stated that Section 1 is a result of the ordinance necessary from the Park Street assessment report. Section 2 is a result of some recent Traffic Commission items.

With a roll call, the vote was as follows:

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderman Singer - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye
Alderwoman Ryan - Aye	

The motion carried 7-Ayes; 0-Nays.

Alderman Whelan moved to approve "An Ordinance Amending Schedule L Of Section 17-1 Of Article XVII Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Establishing Parking Meter Zones." The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes. Discussion ensued.

Alderwoman Ryan moved to cut the number of metered spaces being proposed for Clark Street from 14 to 6 with the location being at the discretion of the Public Works Director. The motion was seconded by Alderman Singer. Discussion ensued.

Following debate, Alderman Pollock took the Chair and Mayor Satterthwaite entered debate. Following further debate, Mayor Pro-tem Pollock asked for a show of hands of those in favor of Alderwoman Ryan's amendment. In favor of the amendment were Alderpersons Hayes, Patt, Ryan and Singer. Opposed to the amendment were Alderpersons Pollock, Taylor and Whelan. The amendment passed, 4:3.

Mayor Satterthwaite resumed the Chair.

Alderman Singer made a motion to defer this issue. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. The topic was deferred until the next regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 7, 1994.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair. Mayor Satterthwaite submitted his recommendation of Anna Merritt, who is currently a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Alderwoman Patt moved to accept the appointment of Anna Merritt as Chair for the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes.

Alderman Whelan declined to support the appointment due to not having an opportunity to talk to Ms Merritt about her position on certain things that are coming up in the near future with regard to preservation and zoning.

Alderman Pollock moved to defer this appointment to the next regular Council meeting, and invite Ms Merritt to attend the

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Committee on Environment and Public Safety meeting to be held next week (Monday, October 24, 1994) in order to allow Council Members the opportunity to discuss the issues they feel are appropriate with her. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan. The appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals Chair was deferred until the next regular Council meeting to be held Monday, November 7, 1994.

The next item on the agenda was that of goal setting. Alderman Singer moved the "Sense of Committee Motion" that he presented to the Committee on Administration and Finance at its October 12, 1994 meeting. The motion reads as follows:

"The Committee suggests that affording 2% per year of the 'extremely low income households under housing stress' (as described in Urbana's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) a reasonable opportunity to extricate themselves from this category should be one of a number of goals given serious consideration in the Urbana City and Cunningham Township's 1995 planning processes."

Alderman Whelan seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Alderwoman Patt entertained a substitute motion that the Council ask staff for a cursory report on options for using Urbana's share of the HOME consortium funds to increase affordable housing opportunities for extremely low-income households who are rent-burdened. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. Following debate, the substitute motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Pollock suggested meeting with Bruce Stoffel to review what the HOME consortium proposal is, for what period of time, how much money is involved, and if we get the funds what flexibility we have in the use of those funds. Alderman Pollock moved to send this substitute motion to the Committee on Environment & Public Safety meeting to be held October 24, 1994, and request that the appropriate staff members be present. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan. Following debate, the motion to defer to Committee carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Mayor

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Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.