

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1994**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 21, 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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joseph Whelan, Jr.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor; Phyllis Clark, City Clerk; Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer; Jack Waaler, City Attorney; Eddie Adair, Police Chief; Charles Gordon, Assistant Police Chief; April Getchius, Community Development Director; Jay Getz, Senior Planner; Bruce Stoffel, CD Division Manager; William Gray, Public Works Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fred Schlipf; Earl O'Shea; Arthur Zangerl; Heather Young; Phyllis Brussel; Justine Schoeplein; Media

**Handouts:** "Sense of the Council Motion on Jacques House" by Alderman Singer

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Satterthwaite. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Alderwoman Ryan moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 1994 (special meeting) and November 7, 1994 meetings. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt. Motion carried by voice vote.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Speaking in support of the Library expansion and preservation of the Jacques House were Arthur Zangerl, 702 W. Michigan; Heather Young, 1006 S. Orchard; and Justine Schoeplein, 2208 S. Lynn.

Phyllis Brussel, 2003 George Huff Dr., did not address the Council, however, it was noted for the record that she was in

support of the preservation of the Jacques House.

Alderman Singer stated that solid waste would be discussed at next week's Committee on Environment & Public Safety meeting. Singer made a few comments about some suggestions they would be sending to the Mayor. Singer stated that he felt there were three options to help the Mayor keep his promise to maintain the recycling program in this City:

1. To take the request for proposals we have before us and make some minor changes in it to tighten it up and to reduce some of the opposition that has arisen in some segments of the community.
2. To bow out gracefully (i.e., do recycling of high valuable materials, to expand our drop-off centers, and to maintain high quality in a voluntary curb side program, which would probably maintain our existing recycling and avoid a lot of trouble).
3. To make all the changes (as many as possible) that are necessary to avoid a war with our local business.

Alderman Pollock stated that he had received calls from a couple of Urbana residents regarding handicapped parking in two different parts of the City: 1) Urbana Post Office; 2) Area surrounding Leal Elementary School. Alderman Pollock said that he visited the Urbana Post Office and observed that there were no handicapped parking spaces. Regarding the area around Leal School, Alderman Pollock stated that this situation might be more difficult because all four streets that surround Leal School on the sides are actually adjacent to the School; there's no parking at all. All of the parking is on the residential portion on the opposite side of the School. Pollock requested that both issues be put the Traffic Commission agenda for December.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### ***An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of The Troy Flessner Annexation Agreement***

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve "An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of The Troy Flessner Annexation Agreement." The motion was seconded by Alderman Singer. With a roll call, the vote was as follows:

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderman Singer - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Abstain*
Alderman Pollock - Aye	Mayor Satterthwaite - Aye

Alderman Ryan - Aye

The motion carried 6-Ayes; 1-Abstain. (Note: \*Alderman Taylor abstained due to conflict of interest.)

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Committee on Administration and Finance**

#### ***Jacques House Discussion***

Alderman Pollock stated that the Urbana Free Library would be reviewing some additional options regarding the Jacques House. Pollock added that it would be very important to take a look at the question of parking on this block (i.e., would there be additional parking required as a result of moving to a different option if the Jacques House was left in tact; what are the parking requirements now and what would they be under any of the options; what does that mean in terms of property acquisition and construction cost).

Alderwoman Patt stated that she was very pleased to see that the President of the Library Board is suggesting that they take another look at this issue. Alderwoman Patt also expressed some parking concerns.

Mr. Schlipf stated that the next meeting of the Library Board would be the second Tuesday in December (December 13, 1994).

Alderman Singer stated that he had prepared three options. (See attached.)

#### ***A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement To Cooperate In Administering Certain Housing Rehabilitation Loan Programs***

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve "A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement To Cooperate In Administering Certain Housing Rehabilitation Loan Programs." The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### ***An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City Of Urbana And Acquired Through The Community Development Program (1104 North Harvey)***

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve "An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City Of Urbana And Acquired Through The Community Development Program

(1104 North Harvey)." The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. With a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-Ayes; 1-Abstain. (Note: \*Alderwoman Patt abstained due to conflict of interest.)

***An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City Of Urbana And Acquired Through The Community Development Program (710 North Goodwin)***

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve "An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City Of Urbana And Acquired Through The Community Development Program (710 North Goodwin)." The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. With a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-Ayes; 1-Abstain. (Note: \*Alderwoman Patt abstained due to conflict of interest.)

Alderman Pollock stated that the next meeting of the Committee on Administration and Finance would be Monday, December 12, 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 he had two items to report.

1. Traffic Commission. Alderman Singer said that the Traffic Commission did discuss the issue of the handicap parking in front of the Urbana Post Office. Therefore, with regard to the inquiries Alderman Pollock had received, Alderman Singer requested that the question of handicap parking in front of the Post Office be put on the Committee on Environment and Public Safety agenda for November 28, 1994. Alderman Pollock requested that the minutes of Traffic Commission meeting(s) regarding this issue be included in the packet of information given to the Committee.

Regarding the handicap parking at Leal School, Alderman Singer stated that his understanding was that we already have the administrative flexibility to allow people to park in the restricted hours zone. Singer suggested that this be looked into before going to the Traffic Commission. Alderman Singer also suggested talking to the School to see if they would be willing to let people on the grounds, because that would be the most convenient place for handicap parking.

2. Next Committee Meeting. Alderman Singer stated that he had asked the City Clerk to advertise the beginning of public input for the next Committee on Environment and Public Safety meeting to begin at 7:10 p.m. and the regular meeting would begin at 7:30 p.m. Alderman Singer said that he understood the ordinance to state that we could not schedule an ordinary meeting before 7:30 p.m. without a motion from the Council.

Alderman Pollock clarified that the ordinance states that the Chair of the committee could set the start time of the meeting.

With reference to parking around Leal School, Alderman Pollock concurred that do we have the administrative ability to waive the restrictions in times, however an additional question to look at would be if this applies to someone who needs to pull up on the side of the street that faces the School as opposed to the opposite side of the street if they have trouble getting across.

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Alderman Taylor directed the Council's attention to a memo from the City Clerk regarding closed minutes that had been reviewed. Alderman Taylor stated that he, the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney have been meeting to go over the closed minutes. They followed the past procedure which involved the City Attorney reviewing them first to make certain recommendations. Alderman Taylor said they have come up with a tentative suggestion of the minutes they feel should be released. A copy of the minutes are available in the offices of the City Clerk and the Mayor along with a list of minutes they feel should be released as well as those that should not. Taylor asked Council Members to review before the next Council meeting at which time he will make a formal motion that these be released and the rest left confidential.

Alderwoman Ryan noted that some of the minutes were ten and twelve years old. Alderman Taylor asked Mr. Waaler to explain

why labor negotiation minutes had to be at least ten years old.

Mayor Satterthwaite noted that the release of closed minutes would be on the next Council agenda for a formal motion.

Alderman Pollock stated that on Monday, November 28, 1994 at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers there would be an open and public meeting of the Urbana representatives of the Cable Commission who have been asked by the Mayor, with his administration, to develop some options and a timetable for what we will be doing with public education and governmental channels over the next six to eight months.

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

There were none.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

***An Amendment To A Part Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City of Urbana, Illinois And The Zoning Map Of Urbana, Illinois (1702 S. Cottage Grove Avenue And 1105 E. Florida) (Plan Case 1550-M-94)***

Alderswoman Patt made a motion to approve "An Amendment To A Part Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City of Urbana, Illinois And The Zoning Map Of Urbana, Illinois (1702 S. Cottage Grove Avenue And 1105 E. Florida) (Plan Case 1550-M-94)." The motion was seconded by Alderswoman Ryan. With a roll call, the vote was as follows:

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderswoman Ryan - Aye
Alderswoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Singer - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye

The motion carried 6-Ayes; 0-Nays.

***An Amendment To A Part Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City of Urbana, Illinois And The Zoning Map Of Urbana, Illinois (1704 S. Cottage Grove) (Plan Case 1549-M-94)***

Alderswoman Patt made a motion to approve "An Amendment To A Part Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City of Urbana, Illinois And The Zoning Map Of Urbana, Illinois (1704 S. Cottage Grove) (Plan Case 1549-M-94)." The motion was seconded by Alderswoman Ryan. With a roll call, the vote was as follows:

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderswoman Ryan - Aye
Alderswoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	

The motion carried 5\*-Ayes; 0-Nays. (Note: \*Alderman Singer was away from his seat during time vote was taken.)

***An Amendment To A Part Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City of Urbana, Illinois And The Zoning Map Of Urbana, Illinois (Lot 2 (Of Prairie Green Subdivision) Plan Case 1551-M-94)***

Alderman Hayes made a motion to approve "An Amendment To A Part Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City of Urbana, Illinois And The Zoning Map Of Urbana, Illinois (Lot 2 (Of Prairie Green Subdivision) Plan Case 1551-M-94)." The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. With a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-Ayes; 0-Nays.

***An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit Top Allow City To Locate A Vehicle Storage Lot At 1210 E. University (Plan Case 1547-SU-94)***

Alderman Hayes made a motion to approve "An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit Top Allow City To Locate A Vehicle Storage Lot At 1210 E. University (Plan Case 1547-SU-94)." The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. With a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-Ayes; 1-Nay.

***Recommendation of No Protest For Champaign County Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (Champaign County Plan Case 860-AT-93)***

Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the staff's "Recommendation of No Protest For Champaign County Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (Champaign County Plan Case 860-AT-93)." The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. The motion carried by a voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Tod Satterthwaite  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.