

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1995

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, February 20, 1995 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Singer, Taylor, and Whelan - 7.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Aldерwoman Ryan moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 1995 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Patt and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Satterthwaite requested to delete items E.1.g. Rider Drainage Agreement, and H.3. Appointment of Assistant Police Chief from the agenda. There were no objections.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Satterthwaite made a Presentation Of Certificates Of Completion For Contractor Seminar to the people who completed the program presented by the City in conjunction with the Cooperative Extension Service. Those people are: Gary Harris, 16 Richard Drive, Urbana; Glenn Love, 4012 Golf Creek Drive, Champaign; Don Newhouse, 16 Potawatomi Trail, Urbana; Lee McCall, 1302 1/2 West Dublin; and Ron Herron, 1916 Clover Lane, Champaign.

Completing the course, but not present for the presentation were:
James Johnson, 1110 North Fifth Street, Champaign; William
Johnson, 1007 North Walnut, Champaign; and William Holden, 421 East
Champaign, Rantoul.

The following people addressed the Council in opposition
to parking on Race Street:

Bernadine Stake	304 W. Iowa
Jane Flaxington	1201 S. Race
Paul Hixson	209 W. Indiana
Natt Kohn	1205 S. Race
William R. Schoedel	1207 S. Race
Bob Jones	1203 S. Race

The following people addressed the Council in support of
parking on Race Street:

Michael Sabbia	402 W. Florida
David Lemons	2110 S. Vine
Robert Naiman	703 W. Clark #3
Chad Lemons	2110 S. Vine
Alex McKiernon	602 W. Washington
Colin McKiernon	602 W. Washington

Frieda Wascher, 813 W. Fairview, representing the Habitat
for Humanity of Champaign County, addressed the Council regarding
the properties at 1308 Eads and 1203 West Dublin and requested that
the City keep them in mind for other properties.

Earl O'Shea, 606A South Glover, addressed the Council on
the status of his neighborhood and the topic of better government.

Alderman Pollock took a point of personal privilege to
respond to a part of Mr. O'Shea's statement that Alderman Pollock
is coerced by Mayor Satterthwaite, to state that he is not coerced
by the Mayor nor Mr. O'Shea.

Theryl Newland, 1813 Ridge Park, addressed the Council to

state her disappointment in the appearance in the exterior design of the construction to be done on the City Building.

Carol Mahar, 1611 Beckman Court, representing the Citizens for Responsible Development, Inc. addressed the Council regarding the procedures for governing Urbana stating that plans for change in Urbana seem to be made "behind close doors", citing the Meijer Group and the changes to the City Building as examples.

In response to Ms. Mahar's remarks, Alderman Singer stated that there was an extensive public process with respect to the City Building consisting of a set of open meetings to review plans for the construction. The best way to solve that type of "closed door" sessions is to run for a seat on the Council.

Alderwoman Ryan addressed concerns in regard to the Meijer project. In terms of the impact on existing businesses, we need to keep in mind that a lot of retail dollars are spent by Urbana citizens in Champaign. Much of Urbana's problem has been a lack of retail floor space and the consequent lack of retail sales tax dollars coming into Urbana. The Meijers project is meant to be a step in the directing of ameliorating that situation. We are trying to keep Urbana dollars in Urbana. Alderwoman Ryan further stated that she did not know how the school board arrived at its figures.

Alderman Hayes stated that on January 21, 1995 he attended one of the seminars for the construction educational program and found it to be worthwhile and it should be continued next year.

Alderman Whelan stated that he would review the figures on which Ms. Mahar based her communication. If those figures are questionable, Council should be aware of it. Alderman Whelan agreed with Ms. Mahar's comments on the City Building.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated his exception to Ms. Mahar's comments about open government. Mayor Satterthwaite stated that there was five public meetings regarding the Meijer project.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Works Director William Gray briefly apprised the Council on the material included with their packets regarding An Ordinance Amending Schedules J Of Section 14-3 And Schedule K Of Section 14-4 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking On Certain Portions Of Race Street.

Following debate, Alderman Hayes moved to approve An Ordinance Amending Schedules J Of Section 14-3 And Schedule K Of Section 14-4 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking On Certain Portions Of Race Street, which allows parking twenty-four (24) hours a day on certain sections of Race Street. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan.

Following further debate, Alderwoman Patt moved to substitute the third option of the ordinance which bans parking on Race Street twenty-four (24) hours a day. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan.

Following debate, Alderman Taylor moved to substitute the second option of the ordinance which prohibits parking during

school days and returns to the status quo. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pollock.

Mr. Hayes called the question on the motion to substitute.

The motion to substitute which would return to the status quo failed by voice vote.

The motion to substitute the twenty-four hour ban is on the floor.

Mayor Pro Tem Pollock took the Chair and Mayor Satterthwaite entered debate. Following further debate, the motion to substitute the twenty-four hour ban failed by a show of hands vote.

Mayor Satterthwaite resumed the Chair.

Following debate, the motion to approve An Ordinance Regarding Parking On Race Street Between Michigan And Washington Streets, which allows unrestricted parking between Michigan and Indiana on the east side of Race Street was on the floor.

Alderman Taylor requested to call the question to call the question. The request failed by a show of hands vote.

Following further debate, Mayor Pro Tem Pollock took the Chair and Mayor Satterthwaite entered debate.

Following further debate, the motion to approve An Ordinance Regarding Parking On Race Street Between Michigan And Washington Streets, which allows unrestricted parking between Michigan and Indiana on the east side of Race Street, carried 5-2 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes,

Patt, Pollock, Ryan, and Whelan - 5; voting nay: Singer and Taylor.

Mayor Satterthwaite resumed the Chair.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Administration and Finance

Alderman Pollock moved to adopt A Resolution Adopting The City Of Urbana Section 125 Plan. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Singer, Taylor, and Whelan - 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Pollock moved an omnibus motion to adopt An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (1209 West Dublin Street), An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (1104 West Church), An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Modification To A Contract For Sale Of Real Estate (1308 West Eads Street), An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Modification To A Contract For Sale Of Real Estate (1203 West Dublin Street), and An Ordinance Approving An Agreement Providing For Mutual Release Of Contract For Sale Of 1104 North Harvey, Urbana, Illinois. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan.

Following debate, An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (1209 West Dublin Street), and An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (1104 West Church) carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Singer, Taylor, and Whelan -

7; voting nay: none; An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Modification To A Contract For Sale Of Real Estate (1308 West Eads Street), An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Modification To A Contract For Sale Of Real Estate (1203 West Dublin Street), and An Ordinance Approving An Agreement Providing For Mutual Release Of Contract For Sale Of 1104 North Harvey, Urbana, Illinois carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Singer, Taylor, Whelan, and Mayor Satterthwaite; voting nay: none.

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden presented the Budget Timetable.

Alderman Singer stated that it has been Council practice to do Fiscal Plan review before starting budget reviews and that Fiscal Plan review will be on the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee on Environment and Public Safety.

Alderman Pollock stated that the next regular meeting of the Committee on Administration and Finance will be Monday, March 13, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

Committee on Environment and Public Safety

Alderman Singer stated that the next regular meeting of the Committee on Environment and Finance will be Monday, February 27, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Walden stated his understanding of Alderman Singer's

recommendations for the Budget Timetable to be that the Tuesday, May 2, 1995 meeting would be the department heads answering questions about their budgets, on May 22, 1995 the budget markup would be a part of the committee meeting and eliminate the date scheduled for that meeting.

Mr. Walden stated that he felt compelled to answer Carol Mahar's statements relating to the budget stating that he is not sure where the miscommunication occurred between the school district and the media, but city staff has not changed its numbers nor did it alter the estimates that were presented to Council. Those estimates included the Meijer Store, condominium developments, and certain assumptions about other commercial development in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Planner Joe Hooker presented a brief narrative on An Amendment To The Zoning Ordinance And The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Amendment To Authorizing The Use Of Yard Signs For Notice Of Public Hearings Concerning The Zoning Ordinance) (Plan Case 1565-T-95).

Following debate, Alderman Pollock moved to adopt An Amendment To The Zoning Ordinance And The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Amendment To Authorizing The Use Of Yard Signs For Notice Of Public Hearings Concerning The Zoning Ordinance) (Plan Case 1565-T-95). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Singer,

Taylor, and Whelan - 7; voting nay: none.

Mayor Satterthwaite recommended the appointment of William L. Pessemier to the position of Fire Chief, stating that Mr. Pessemier is currently serving as Assistant Fire Chief in Lynnwood, Washington and has a B.S. in Fire Service Administration from Western Oregon State College.

Alderman Hayes moved to approve the appointment of William L. Pessemier as Fire Chief. 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 10:35 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.