

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1995

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 6, 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 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Satterthwaite.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 1995 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alderwoman Patt requested to add to the agenda as item H.4. Resolution on Child Nutrition. There were no objections.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Linda Appleyquist, 204 Pell Circle, addressed the Council regarding clarification of the school district revenues.

Michael Sabbia, 402 West Florida Avenue, representing the Urbana High School Student Senate, addressed the Council in opposition to Mayor Satterthwaite's veto of parking on Race Street.

Jane Flaxington, 1201 South Race Street, addressed the Council in support of Mayor Satterthwaite's veto of parking on Race Street.

Michael Zopf, #2 Lincoln Square, addressed the Council in

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support of the appointment of Tim Fitzpatrick to Assistant Police Chief.

C.K. Gunsalus, 511 West High, addressed the Council in support of school and city cooperation on the Resolution on Child Nutrition.

Earl O'Shea, 606A South Glover, addressed the Council regarding violations the City has against Jeffrey Cross.

Pamela Ryan, 307 West John Street, Champaign, and Robert Naiman, 703 West Clark #3, addressed the Council to request a delay in the passage of An Ordinance Amending The Annual Budget (PEG Budget Amendment), to allow for more consideration of the P in PEG.

Alderwoman Patt stated that she has received letters from residents of South Race Street regarding comments she made at the last Council meeting while discussing parking on Race Street regarding discrimination and prejudice against students.

Alderwoman Patt stated that she wanted to clarify that the people who live on Race Street are not the people who were complaining about students. The residents of Race Street are only concerned about safety. Alderwoman Patt stated she is sorry if comments she made offended anyone.

Alderman Singer referenced a recent newspaper article about *Home Hi*, a nonprofit home school, which his daughter attends.

This is one example of accomplishing something that really means a lot when there is not too much bureaucracy and red tape in the way.

Alderman Singer referenced a complaint his son has to put

forth to the Park District. When he went to his Park District basketball practice with ten or so boys, while they were practicing 20 or so girls came in and were competing for the baskets. Alderman Singer's son felt the girls were not getting fair treatment and questioned why they were segregated from the boys in basketball when they are not in soccer. He further stated that Martin Luther King fought against segregation and that we should do the same. He understood why contact sports were not appropriate amongst high school girls and boys, but did not feel it was fair among younger children.

Alderman Singer exhibited an automatic garbage and recycling loader that his son built with a construction kit.

Alderman Whelan stated that considering the communication he has had from constituents regarding the Meijer Development, some clarification could be provided with some of the information Ms. Applequist provided at this meeting.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that he saw the pamphlet that Ms. Applequist referenced, and noticed that they had the development divided into three parts: Meijer, Douglas Phase I, and Douglas Phase II. The total that the school district had was over \$300,000. That is where the misunderstanding lies. The neighborhood group thought that the entire \$300,000 was from the Meijer Store when that was not the case.

Alderman Whelan stated that some of the businessmen at Sunnycrest are reluctant to complain about competition, but one of

their concerns is that the City has given the Meijer Store two million dollars out of sales tax revenues to welcome them into the City. Some of the businesses feel it is wrong to give a competitor that advantage without extending them a similar courtesy.

Alderman Whelan stated that he appreciated being included in meetings in the Mayor's office to discuss confidential issues but feels that these meetings should be held with the Council as a whole, in closed session.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Satterthwaite read his message regarding the veto of the ordinance regarding parking on Race Street into the record.

(See attached.)

Following debate, Alderman Whelan moved to override Mayor Satterthwaite's veto of the Ordinance Regarding Parking On Race Street Between Michigan and Washington Streets. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan.

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

Following further debate, the motion to override the Mayor's veto 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 - 2.

Mayor Satterthwaite resumed the Chair.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Administration and Finance

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 moved An Ordinance Amending The Annual Budget (PEG Budget Amendment) with the addition of Section 2. "Operations and Contractual funds may be used for personnel services in exchange access to equipment", and then to renumber sections 2 and 3, to make them sections 3 and 4. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan.

Following debate, Alderwoman Patt moved to defer An Ordinance Amending The Annual Budget (PEG Budget Amendment). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan.

Alderman Singer moved that Staff proceed with advertising for a PEG Coordinator under the existing budget authority. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pollock.

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

Following further debate, the motion that Staff proceed with advertising for a PEG Coordinator under the existing budget authority failed by voice vote.

Mayor Satterthwaite resumed the Chair.

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

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that he has a handout on the Multi-Year Plan with a few corrections, to distribute before the meeting is concluded.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Development Director/City Planner April Getchius gave a brief overview of An Amendment To The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Amendment Of The Sign Ordinance To Permit Temporary Commercial sign Displays) (Plan Case 1548-T-94).

Following debate, Alderman Hayes moved to adopt An Amendment To The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Amendment Of The Sign Ordinance To Permit Temporary Commercial sign Displays) (Plan Case 1548-T-94). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt 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.

Ms. Getchius presented for Council consideration An Amendment To The Zoning Ordinance And The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Amendment To Codify The Practice of Modifying The Application Of The Zoning Ordinance In The Annexation Agreement Approval Process) (Plan Case 1564-T-95).

Alderman Whelan moved to adopt An Amendment To The Zoning

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Ordinance And The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Amendment To Codify The Practice of Modifying The Application Of The Zoning Ordinance In The Annexation Agreement Approval Process) (Plan Case 1564-T-95) with the request that staff amend it so that in particular variances that would come directly to Council, those parties that have property within 250 feet would be notified. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes.

Alderman Pollock made a friendly amendment to send the ordinance to staff to make that change and bring it back at its earliest convenience. The amendment was acceptable to the mover and seconder.

Following debate, the motion, as amended carried by voice vote.

Mayor Satterthwaite recommended the appointment of Tim Fitzpatrick to the position of Assistant Police Chief based on his experience and qualifications.

Alderman Singer moved to schedule a closed session of our elected officials for a review of the appointment renewal list no later than one month before it is presented to the Council for review in open session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Patt.

Following debate, Alderman Pollock moved a substitute motion to approve the appointment of Tim Fitzpatrick to Assistant Police Chief. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan and carried by a show of hands vote.

The motion to approve the appointment of Tim Fitzpatrick

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to Assistant Police Chief carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Singer moved to suspend the rules to consider a Resolution on Child Nutrition. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pollock and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Taylor moved to approve a Resolution on Child Nutrition. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes. Following debate, the motion carried 6-1 by a roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Singer, and Taylor - 1; voting nay: Whelan - 1. Alderman Whelan stated that while he thinks the Resolution on Child Nutrition is a very good idea, he voted no because the resolution is omnibus, including other states.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.