

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1995

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session Monday, June 19, 1995 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Hayes, Jr.; Esther Patt; Michael Pollock; Clifford Singer; Joseph Whelan, Jr.; John Taylor (7:40)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Marya Ryan

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor; Phyllis Clark, City Clerk; Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer; Jack Waaler, City Attorney; Eddie Adair, Chief of Police; William Pessemier, Fire Chief; William Gray, Public Works Director; April Getchius, Community Development Director; Reed Berger, Economic Development Coordinator; Joseph Hooker, Planner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gerard Archibald; Earl O'Shea; Mike Martin; John Dabrowski; Michael Langendorf; Frank Anderson; Media

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

**A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Alderman Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 1995. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt.

Alderman Pollock noted the following corrections to the minutes:

Page 7, paragraphs 3, 5 and 6: Change: "(Plan Case #1531-M-95)" to read "(Plan Case #1571-M-95)"; and "(801½ W. Main Street)" to read "(807½-811 W. Main Street)".

Alderman Pollock made a motion to amend with corrections. Alderman Whelan seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Alderman Singer noted further corrections to the minutes:

Page 1, last paragraph: Delete: "the concern regarding a possible conflict of interest due to

ownership in a TIF district", and replace with **"explained why he felt able to vote freely on all budget issues before the Council, should he choose to do so."**

Page 3, paragraph 3: Change: "The contractual collection under contract to be approved by a majority of the Alderpersons holding office." To read: "The contractual collection under contract **must** be approved by a majority of the Alderpersons holding office."

Page 9, paragraph 3 should read: "Following debate by Alderman Singer **explaining why he felt able to vote freely on the** TIF budget amendments he had proposed **should they be discussed after deferral of the budget**, Alderman Singer stated that he would not be intimidated **out of** the possibility of voting his conscience and left the meeting at 11:03 p.m."

Alderman Singer made a motion to amend with corrections. Alderwoman Patt seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** Motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 1995 carried by voice vote. Minutes will reflect corrections.

**B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Audience Participation**

Gerard Archibald, 1105 E. Oregon, stated his opposition to the Meijer annexation.

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

Mike Martin, 1011 S. Westlawn, Champaign, addressed the Council, on behalf of The Atkins Group, in support of the annexation of Douglas Farm.

John Dabrowski, 1610 Broadmoor, Champaign, of Daily & Associates Engineers, informed the Council that he was present to answer any concerns about the East Gate Subdivision (Plan Case #1582-S-95).

Michael Langendorf, 1508 Trails Dr., addressed the Council

on the topic of the preliminary plat of East Gate Subdivision and stated his opposition.

Frank Anderson, 205 W. Washington, addressed the Council on the topic of parking on Washington and Race Streets and "No Parking" signs.

#### Council Member Participation

Alderman Singer commented on the Sign Ordinance. He indicated one direction the Council could take would be to pass an ordinance restricting billboards. Alderman Singer said that he has had discussion with the owner of the C-U Poster.

With regard to tonight's agenda item #D.1, Alderman Singer said that Alderwoman Ryan contacted him and stated that she would like to see this item tabled. She would like to be present for discussion.

Alderman Pollock informed the Council that he had received a letter from a constituent who drives for a local taxi company regarding requirements on information he has to post in his cab based on our ordinances. Alderman Pollock asked that this item be placed on the Committee on Environment & Public Safety agenda for next week (June 26, 1995).

Alderman Pollock also addressed the question about bus loading in front of the high school. Mr. Walden informed the Council that funds have been designated for this Fall in order to conduct a traffic safety analysis of the entire campus.

Alderwoman Patt commented on an article that appeared in The News-Gazette regarding the City Council's vote to withhold support for the loop road through Crystal Lake Park. Alderwoman Patt stated that it was pointed out to her that her quote in the paper could be construed by some to be an accusation that the Mayor or City staff were withholding information from the Council in the form of documents or data regarding loop road. For the record, Alderman Patt stated that she was confident that no such information was withheld.

Alderman Whelan spoke regarding a letter from the City Attorney concerning hiring an attorney for the haulers' lawsuit. Mayor Satterthwaite will send information to Alderman Whelan regarding the line item to be used once that has been established.

Alderman Whelan requested that the issue of nepotism and the hiring process be placed on the Committee on Administration &

Finance agenda for July 10, 1995.

Alderman Whelan requested that further efforts be made to give the public a better description of the city building expansion project. Whelan said that he would like to see a model built and displayed at Lincoln Square Mall.

Alderman Whelan requested keys to the City Building.

Alderman Singer mentioned that he had given a note to the Mayor regarding the renewal of the telephone franchise.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. An Amendment To A Part Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City of Urbana, Illinois And The Zoning Map Of Urbana, Illinois (Plan Case #1571-M-95) (807½-811 W. Main Street)**

Alderman Taylor moved to table this item to the next committee meeting. Motion carried.

**Disposition:** This item was tabled and will appear on the Committee on Environment & Public Safety meeting scheduled for June 26, 1995.

**E. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**1. Committee on Administration & Finance**

There being no report from the Committee on Administration & Finance, Alderman Pollock stated that the next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**2. Committee on Environment & Public Safety**

There was no report from the Committee on Environment & Public Safety. Alderwoman Patt stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 26, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**F. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There was none.

**G. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

There was none.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. An Ordinance Prescribing The Membership Of The Board Of Local Improvements Of The City Of Urbana**

Alderman Singer made a motion to approve. Alderman Hayes seconded.

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

**2. An Ordinance Proposing The Establishment Of A Special Service Area And Setting A Time And Date For A Public Hearing Thereon**

Alderman Singer made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan.

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay). [**Note:** Alderman Singer was not in the room at the time the vote was taken.]

**3. An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Capital Improvements)**

Chief Pessemier commented on the success of the neighborhood survey program to date. Smoke detectors are available to any citizen of Urbana who needs one. During the survey, Fire Rescue also replaced old batteries with new ones for those detectors requiring them.

Alderman Hayes made a motion to approve. Alderman Whelan seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay). [**Note:** Alderman Singer was not in the room at the time the vote was taken.]

**4. An Ordinance Approving An Annexation Agreement Between Paul Tatman And The City Of Urbana (1602 and 1604 N. Cunningham Avenue)**

Reed Berger presented staff's report.

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve. Alderman Whelan seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay). [**Note:** Alderman Singer was not in the room at the time the vote was taken.]

**5. An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (East Urbana Territory; U.S. Route 150 And IL Route 130 Vicinity Including East Urbana Industrial Site, East Urbana Industrial Park, A Part Of Beringer Commons Subdivision, A Part Of The Pfeffer Farms, And Other Tracts Of Land)**

Reed Berger presented staff's report.

A motion to approve was made by Alderman Pollock and seconded by Alderman Whelan. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay). [**Note:** Alderman Singer returned at 8:40 p.m.]

**6. An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (1902 E. Windsor Road; A Part Of Douglas Farm)**

Reed Berger presented staff's report.

Following debate, Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Patt seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6\*-aye:0-nay). [**Note:** \*It was ruling of Mayor Satterthwaite that the vote of "Present" made by Alderman Whelan be counted as an "Aye" vote.]

**7. An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (Meijer's Tract; 2500 S. Philo Road; A Part Of Douglas Farm)**

Alderman Singer made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pollock. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6\*-aye:0-nay). [**Note:** \*It was ruling of Mayor Satterthwaite that the vote of "Present" made by Alderman Whelan be counted as an "Aye" vote.]

**8. An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (Tatman Auto Service Center, 1602 and 1604 N. Cunningham Avenue)**

A motion to approve was made by Alderman Pollock and seconded by Alderman Singer. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

**9. An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (Gremore Residence, 2403 Walter Street)**

Alderman Singer motioned to approve and was seconded by Alderwoman Patt. The vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

**10. An Ordinance Approving The Addition Of Territory To The Urbana Enterprise Zone (East Urbana Industrial Site And East Urbana Industrial Park)**

Reed Berger presented staff's report.

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Patt seconded. Roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

**11. An Ordinance Approving The Addition Of Territory To The Urbana Enterprise Zone (Tatman Auto Service Center, 1602 and 1604 N. Cunningham Avenue)**

Reed Berger presented staff's report.

Alderman Whelan made a motion to accept and was seconded by Alderman Taylor. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

**12. An Ordinance Releasing An Easement In The East Urbana Industrial Center Number One Subdivision**

Jack Waaler presented staff's report.



Alderman Whelan motioned to approve. Alderwoman Patt seconded. Following 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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

**13. An Ordinance Approving The Preliminary Plat Of East Gate Subdivision (Plan Case #1582-S-95)**

April Getchius presented staff's report.

Following debate, Alderman Singer made a motion to approve. Alderman Hayes seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6\*-aye:0-nay). [**Note:** \*It was ruling of Mayor Satterthwaite that the vote of "Present" made by Alderman Whelan be counted as an "Aye" vote.]

**14. Amendment To A Part Of The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois And The Zoning Map Of Urbana, Illinois (104 S. Hartle Avenue) (Plan Case No. 1580-M-95)**

Joseph Hooker presented staff's report.

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt.

Alderman Singer motioned to defer. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

The vote on the motion to approve was as follows:

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

**Disposition:** The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

15. Mayoral Appointment To Downtown Commission (Taffy DeJarnette)

Alderman Singer made a motion to approve. Alderman Whelan seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

16. Reappointments To Committees, Commissions & Boards

Alderman Pollock motioned to approve all reappointments. Alderman Singer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.