

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor



Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 1996**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 1996 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Hayes, James Jr. (Alderman Ward 3)
Kearns, Carolyn (Alderwoman Ward 4)
Patt, Esther (Alderwoman Ward 1)
Pollock, Michael (Alderman Ward 5)
Ryan, Marya (Alderwoman Ward 2)
Taylor, John (Alderman Ward 7)
Whelan, Joseph (Alderman Ward 6)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk
Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Officer
Jack Waaler, City Attorney
Eddie B. Adair, Chief of Police
William Pessemier, Fire Chief
Ronald Eldridge, Comptroller
April Getchius, Community Development Director
Bruce Stoffel, Grants Management Division Manager
Jay Getz, Senior Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Berns; Judy Wyatt; Sarah Theobald; Earl O'Shea; Bernadine Stake; Sandra Ahter; Dee Miles; Danielle Chynoweth; Media

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Satterthwaite.

A. Minutes Of Previous Meeting

November 4, 1996 -- Alderman Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 1996. Alderwoman Patt seconded.

Alderwoman Ryan noted a correction on page 5, paragraph 3. She stated that she had heard from her constituents and requested

to strike *"she had not heard from"* and *"on this issue."* After *"constituents"* add *"had expressed concern about flooding in the area and had scheduled a meeting on the topic, which had not yet taken place."* The paragraph should now read: *"Alderdwoman Ryan stated her opposition to the ordinance because her constituents had expressed concern about flooding in the area and had scheduled a meeting on the topic, which had not yet taken place."*

There were no objections. The motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 1996, as corrected, carried by voice vote.

B. Additions To The Agenda

Alderman Taylor motioned to move the staff report on Lincoln Mobile Home Park before **Petitions And Communications**.

Mayor Satterthwaite noted that he had distributed this evening a suggested revision to the agenda which would have all petitions and communications for agenda items, except Lincoln Mobile Home Park, in the regular position, followed by **Reports Of Standing Committees**, followed by **Old Business** which includes the one item of Lincoln Mobile Home Park broken down into three parts (e.g., Staff Update, Petitions and Communications, Council Discussion). (See Attachment A: Revised Council Agenda/November 18, 1996.)

There were no objections to the revised agenda. Alderman Taylor withdrew his motion.

C. Petitions And Communications

Audience Participation

Mayor Satterthwaite noted for the record that Thomas Berns, of Berns-Clancy & Associates, was present and available to answer questions regarding agenda item #D.e concerning the Clark-Lindsey Village project (bonds).

The following people addressed the Council in support of on-street disabled parking:

Judy Wyatt, 1202 E. Harding Dr. (representing ADOP)
Sarah Theobald, 1202 E. Harding, Dr., #407

Earl O'Shea, 606-A Glover, completed a petition card to address the Council on the topic of "the" better government. Instead, Mr. O'Shea made a brief statement to the Council: *"In*

order to leave this year better, I say to you folks I shall not return until the new year comes around. I wish you well. May the good Lord bless and keep us all while we are apart. See you next year!"

The following people addressed the Council in support of recycling and U-Cycle:

Bernadine Stake, 304 W. Iowa Street
Sandra Ahter, 1408 S. Vine

Council Participation

Prior to Council's participation at this time, Mayor Satterthwaite made a brief presentation to Ronald Eldridge, the Comptroller for the City of Urbana. Mr. Eldridge was presented with the Certificate of Achievement from the Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA). This is awarded to municipalities and is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting. Mr. Eldridge has received this recognition for 15 years consecutively.

Alderman Whelan stated that during the past week he had spoken to some people regarding the CRC and some problems they had in Champaign. He had also talked with some haulers about the proposal made last week concerning them doing the recycling. Alderman Whelan concluded by stating that, from the perspective of the haulers he had spoken to, this does seem feasible.

Alderman Pollock commented on the issue of U-Cycle, stating that when it was discussed at last week's Committee meeting nothing was said about terminating recycling. He received phone calls from people requesting that the City not get rid of recycling. Alderman Pollock stated that everyone on the Council is committed to providing expanding recycling to the residents of Urbana, whether it be U-Cycle or is provided in some other way. Residents of Champaign have had the ability to recycle cardboard, plastics and a number of items for the last 3 to 4 years. This is what the Council is trying to provide to Urbana residents. Alderman Pollock indicated that it was also his understanding that a local vendor had expressed an interest in providing the residents of Urbana full expanded recycling services, including pick-up and processing, for roughly the same amount of money that is currently being collected for this purpose. Such a proposal would have to be let out for proper RFP's (request for proposals), bids, etc. If this were to happen, the City would have the possibility of keeping a unified recycling system, expanding the process, expanding the materials being picked-up,

and doing it without a tax increase. Alderman Pollock concluded by stating that at next week's meeting staff should have more information for the Council. If successful, the City will show a savings of approximately \$50,000 per year to the residents of Urbana.

Alderwoman Patt also addressed the issue of recycling. She stated that she had spoken to several of her constituents this past week who encouraged her to continue with efforts to keep a single unified system. They want recycling, however, do not want to lose U-Cycle.

Alderman Whelan stated that he had heard from a number of his constituents regarding sewer back-up in their homes and the great expense they incur for repairing the damage. Alderman Whelan further stated that he hoped the City could do something for these people, since this is an environment problem. Mayor Satterthwaite stated that the City has put additional funds in this year's budget for such problems and asked that Alderman Whelan inform his constituents to contact the Public Works Department when these problems arise.

D. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee on Administration & Finance

a. Ord. No. 9697-53: ***Annual Tax Levy Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois For The Year Beginning July 1, 1996 And Ending June 30, 1997***

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

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderwoman Ryan - Aye
Alderwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Nay
Alderman Pollock - Aye	

Disposition: The motion carried by roll call vote (6-aye:1-nay). Ord. No. 9697-53, "Annual Tax Levy Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois For The Year Beginning July 1, 1996 And Ending June 30, 1997", was approved by Council.

b. Ord. No. 9697-54: ***An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy For \$5.705 Million General Obligation Bonds, Series 1994***

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve and was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns. The vote on the motion was as

follows:

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Aldерwoman Ryan - Aye
Aldерwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Aldерwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	

Disposition: The motion carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ord. No. 9697-54, "An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy For \$5.705 Million General Obligation Bonds, Series 1994", was approved by Council.

c. Ord. No. 9697-55: **An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy For \$1.0 Million General Obligation Bonds, Series 1992**

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

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Aldерwoman Ryan - Aye
Aldерwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Aldерwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	

Disposition: The motion carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ord. No. 9697-55, "An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy For \$1.0 Million General Obligation Bonds, Series 1992", was approved by Council.

d. Ord. No. 9697-56: **An Ordinance Approving An Annexation Agreement With Brian J. And Marsha E. Hull (1307 N. Eastern Avenue)**

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

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Aldерwoman Ryan - Aye
Aldерwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Aldерwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	Mayor Satterthwaite - Aye

Disposition: The motion carried by roll call vote (8*-aye:0-nay). Ord. No. 9697-56, "An Ordinance Approving An Annexation Agreement With Brian J. And Marsha E. Hull (1307 N. Eastern Avenue)", was approved by Council.

e. Res. No. 9697-R21: **A Resolution Providing For The Financing By The City Of Urbana, Illinois Of The Acquisition And**

Construction Of Certain Nursing Home Facilities, To Provide Increased Job Opportunities And Retain Existing Jobs And The Refunding Of Certain Prior Bonds; Authorizing The Issuance Of Its \$3,000,000 Capital Improvement And Refunding Revenue bonds (Clark-Lindsey Village, Inc. Project), Series 1996, In Connection Therewith; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Loan Agreement, A Mortgage And Security Agreement, And An Assignm2ent Agreement Securing Such Bonds; Authorizing And Providing For The Sale Of Such Bonds; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Arbitrage Regulation Agreement; And Related Matters

Alderman Pollock made a motion to adopt the resolution and was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Disposition: The motion carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Res. No. 9697-R21, "A Resolution Providing For The Financing By The City Of Urbana, Illinois Of The Acquisition And Construction Of Certain Nursing Home Facilities, To Provide Increased Job Opportunities And Retain Existing Jobs And The Refunding Of Certain Prior Bonds; Authorizing The Issuance Of Its \$3,000,000 Capital Improvement And Refunding Revenue bonds (Clark-Lindsey Village, Inc. Project), Series 1996, In Connection Therewith; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Loan Agreement, A Mortgage And Security Agreement, And An AssignMent Agreement Securing Such Bonds; Authorizing And Providing For The Sale Of Such Bonds; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Arbitrage Regulation Agreement; And Related Matters", was adopted by Council.

f. Ord. No. 9697-57: An Ordinance Amending Section 1406 Of The Urbana Code Of Ordinances Entitled "License And Permits"

Alderman Pollock made a motion to adopt the resolution and was seconded by Alderwoman Patt. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Disposition: The motion carried by roll call vote (7-

aye:0-nay). Ord. No. 9697-57, "An Ordinance Amending Section 1406 Of The Urbana Code Of Ordinances Entitled 'License And Permits'", was approved by Council.

With nothing further to report, Alderman Pollock asked that Council Members review their calendars for the month of December and report any vacations or other conflicts to the City Clerk that would interfere with holding Council or Committee meetings because of the holidays. Alderman Pollock concluded by stating that the next meeting of the Committee on Administration & Finance is scheduled for December 9, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unit 116 School Board office on Race Street.

Mayor Satterthwaite informed the Council and the audience that next week would be the last week for meetings held in the Council Chambers. Because Phase II of the City Building construction project is scheduled to start, future meetings of the City Council, Committee on Administration & Finance, and Committee on Environment & Public Safety will be held at the School Board office until the project is completed.

2. Committee on Environment & Public Safety

There being no business on tonight's agenda for the Committee on Environment & Public Safety, Alderwoman Ryan stated that the next meeting of this committee would be November 25, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Lincoln Mobile Home Park

a. Staff Update

April Getchius (Community Development Director), presented the staff report to Council. (See Attachment B: Staff Update/Lincoln Mobile Home Park.)

b. Petitions and Communications

Dee Miles, 813 W. Fairview, addressed the Council by mentioning Rantoul's proposal to consider a new mobile home ordinance by the first of the year that could potentially impact their low-income housing base. Ms Miles expressed concern that the residents of Lincoln Mobile Home Park were told they could easily move to Rantoul or Bondville or elsewhere, however, this may no longer be an option.

Danielle Chynoweth, 203 E. Oregon, representing Friends of Lincoln Neighborhood, read into record a proposal mandating compensation to the residents of Lincoln Mobile Home Park. (See Attachment C: Petitions & Communications/Friends of Lincoln Neighborhood Proposals To The Urbana City Council.)

c. Council Discussion

Alderman Whelan commended staff for their efforts regarding Lincoln Mobile Home Park.

Alderwoman Patt commended staff on their status report. She then inquired of Ms Getchius if she knew anything about regulation changes for mobile home parks in Rantoul. Ms Getchius responded that she only had knowledge of what she read in the newspaper and, therefore, did not know enough to comment.

She stated that she would obtain information for Council. Alderwoman Patt inquired about the residents who have relocated to apartments and are now paying rent. She wanted to know if the monthly rental payments they are paying now is within a means that would prevent them from the risk of becoming homeless. Ms Getchius stated that as staff works with these people they make sure that it is something affordable. During the verification process, staff makes sure they are in a good situation and takes down additional information about how their expenses may have changed since the relocation.

Alderman Hayes inquired about the strategy used for people who have poor credit. Ms Getchius stated that staff is getting credit reports to see what is on them. In some cases where there are issues on the report that can be resolved and taken care. At present, there is no "strategy." The goal is to make sure that no one is at risk of being homeless.

Following debate, Mayor Satterthwaite also commended staff on their status report.

F. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alderwoman Kearns gave a report on the Library Task Force. There will be a public meeting of the Library Task Force on Thursday, November 21, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Champaign Council Chambers.

G. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Satterthwaite mention a letter he and the Council received last week from The Atkins Group stating that their

interest had been reignited in going forward with the golf course and residential community in Southeast Urbana. They are willing to work with the City to negotiate terms of a development agreement. Mayor Satterthwaite informed the Council that he has instructed staff to proceed in negotiating with The Atkins Group to create a development agreement that will come back to Council as soon as possible.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ord. No. 9697-51: **An Ordinance Approving A Final Plat Eastgate Subdivision No. 2 (Plan Case No. 1636-S-96)**

Jay Getz (Senior Planner) presented the staff report to Council. (See Attachment D: Staff Report/Plan Case No. 1636-S-96, Final Plat of Eastgate Subdivision No. 2.)

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

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderman Ryan - Aye
Alderman Kearns - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderman Patt - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	

Disposition: The motion carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ord. No. 9697-51, "An Ordinance Approving A Final Plat Eastgate Subdivision No. 2 (Plan Case No. 1636-S-96)", was approved by Council.

2. Ord. No. 9697-58: **An Ordinance Placing A Moratorium On The Construction, Erection And Placement Of Antennas For Wireless Communication In The City Of Urbana, Illinois**

Jack Waaler (City Attorney) stated that this comes from the Federal Telecommunications Act. The gist of this particular moratorium is that if we do not decide at this time what regulations we want to put in place, we may regret it later because the first one in that is placed under our current ordinance may set a standard for the rest.

Alderman Pollock gave a little more background stating that approximately two or three months ago he attended a conference in Bloomington, Illinois, regarding the impacts on local governments of the new Federal telecommunications law. There is a new type of device called a "personal communications system", which is going to be the next step from cellular communications. These devices will have smaller batteries. The

dangerous side of this for cities and neighborhoods is that the number of towers required to service these is going to be three to four times as many as cellular because the signals do not go very far, and each dish on these will only handle 150 to 200 interactions. Alderman Pollock explained that the proposed ordinance would allow the Council time to come up with a concrete policy that would be in the best interest of our neighborhoods and the City that will deal with anyone interested in installing a tower. It will be done fairly and evenly, and allow us to decide where they are appropriate and what rules will guide us in how we site these towers and other telecommunication devices.

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) reminded the Council that this is an area that is very complex in terms of the law and technology. Mr. Walden stated that it is very likely that staff will be requesting a budget amendment or transfer to acquire some expertise in this area. This request will come during the period of the moratorium.

Following debate, Alderman Hayes made a motion to approve and was seconded by Alderwoman Patt. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Disposition: The motion carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ord. No. 9697-58, "An Ordinance Placing A Moratorium On The Construction, Erection And Placement Of Antennas For Wireless Communication In The City Of Urbana, Illinois", was approved by Council.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.
**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.