

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE - MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1997
URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE - 205 N. RACE STREET, URBANA, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Pollock, Chair; James Hayes, Jr.; Carolyn Kearns; Esther Patt; Marya Ryan; John Taylor; Joseph Whelan, Jr.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor; Phyllis Clark, City Clerk; Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer; Jack Waaler, City Attorney; Eddie Adair, Chief of Police; Ron Eldridge, Comptroller; William Pessemier, Fire Chief; April Getchius, Community Development Director; William Gray, Public Works Director; Joseph Smith, Assistance City Engineer; Bruce Stoffel, Grants Management Division Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Theryl Newland; Michael Langendorf; Mark Michaels; Andrew Belmont; Steve Frankel; Mike Martin; Tina Gunsales; Media

1. Call to Order

Chair Pollock called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

December 9, 1996 -- Ms Patt made a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 1996 and was seconded by Ms Ryan.

Mr. Whelan stated that on page 1, last paragraph, where it states "... amount of material to be recycled;" he would like the numerical total to be reflected in the minutes. Mr. Whelan then made a motion to add "16 days landfill saved out of a total of 1,460 days." Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Hayes noted a correction on page 5, item 12; "Mitchell Ford" should be corrected to read "Mitchell Courts."

The motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 1996 carried by voice vote, with corrections noted.

4. Public Input

Theryl Newland, 1813 Ridge Park Dr., addressed the Committee

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on the topic of pro-development in Urbana, expressing her support

for "responsible" development; the Rosewood development proposed by The Atkins Group.

Michael Langendorf, 1508 Trails Dr., informed the Committee that he had secured the Auditorium at the Urbana Free Library for people to come and talk to candidates running for office in Urbana. The dates are: January 23rd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. and February 2nd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Mark Michaels, 705 Harmon, addressed the Committee regarding the U-Cycle Program. (See Attachment A: Public Input/Mark Michaels.)

Andrew Belmont, 1506 Trails Dr., addressed the Committee concerning The Atkins Group development. He summarized his viewpoints of the development in three acts. *[Note: Following Mr. Belmont's presentation, Chair Pollock informed him of a series of meetings coming up to consider The Atkins Group's development proposals. A neighborhood meeting is scheduled for January 15th at the Urbana Civic Center, followed by a City Council meeting on January 22nd, Plan Commission on January 23rd, Committee on Environment & Public Safety on January 27th, City Council meeting on February 3rd, Plan Commission on February 6th, Committee on Administration & Finance on February 10th, and some type of action on or around February 17th.]*

Steve Frankel, 409 W. Elm #6, representing Students For Environmental Affairs, addressed the Committee in support of the U-Cycle Program. He also entered into record a table depicting U-Cycle savings for 1995-96. (See Attachment B: Public Input/U-Cycle Table - Steve Frankel.)

5. Presentation Of Annual Audit Report

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Office) and Ron Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report to Committee.

Mayor Satterthwaite commented on the City's self-insurance program initiated almost three years ago. The City has saved approximately \$1,000,000 over the past three years.

Mr. Eldridge reviewed the statistical part of the report with the Committee.

6. U-Cycle Recommendations

Rod Fletcher (Solid Waste Manager) presented the staff report. (See Attachment C: U-Cycle Program Expansion - Recommendation.) Mr. Fletcher stated that Allied Waste elected

not to participate.

Following debate, Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to the next Committee on Environment & Public Safety meeting and request staff to draw-up the proper contracts for review. Mrs. Kearns seconded.

If the agreement is approved by Council, the cost to residents will be \$2.00 per month for five years. Mr. Whelan asked why it had to be a five-year contract versus two, three or four years? Mr. Fletcher responded that it was the time specified in the RFP.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan offered an amendment to the motion, that final action not be taken until after April 1, 1997. Mr. Taylor seconded for discussion only.

Mr. Whelan stated that he believed the people should have the opportunity to choose and give their input. He, again encouraged the Committee to put off final action on this item until after the April 1st election in order to give the people an opportunity to render more input. Discussion ensued.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan requested a roll call vote on his amendment. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion to amend failed with a roll call vote of 1-aye:6-nay.

Mr. Whelan requested a roll call vote on the main motion. The vote was as follows:

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

The motion to send this item to the next Committee meeting passed with a roll call vote of 6-aye:1-nay. This item will appear on the Committee on Environment & Public Safety agenda for Monday, January 27, 1997.

7. An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City Of Urbana And Acquired Under The Community Development Block Grant Program (1101 North Goodwin Avenue)

Bruce Stoffel (Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report. (See Attachment D: 1101 North Goodwin Avenue.)

Mr. Hayes made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Ryan seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (1409 West Beslin Street)

Mr. Stoffel presented staff's report. (See Attachment E: Acquisition of Property/1409 West Beslin Street.)

Mrs. Kearns made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. A Resolution Approving An Amendment To A Contract With Champaign County Regional Planning Commission For Implementation Of The Small Rental Properties Program

Mr. Stoffel presented the staff report. (See Attachment F: Amendment to Contract - Champaign County RPC/Small Rental Properties Program.)

Ms Patt made a motion to send to Council for approval. Ms Ryan seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. An Annexation And Development Agreement With The Atkins Group, And An Amendment To The Tabin Annexation Agreement

Mr. Walden presented the staff report. (See staff report attached as Attachment G: Atkins Development/Annexation Agreement.)

Mike Martin, representing The Atkins Group, made a brief presentation to the Committee regarding the proposed Rosewood Development.

Following debate, Ms Getchius gave a brief description of the zoning. She also informed the Committee of some dates for upcoming meetings regarding this project.

(The following agenda items were considered together.)

11. An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (T.I.F. 2/Public Facilities); and 12. An Ordinance Amending The Annual Tax Levy Of The City Of Urbana For Year Beginning July 1, 1996 And Ending June 30, 1997

Chair Pollock stated that these have to do with discussions with the Urbana School District. Gene Amberg (Superintendent of the Urbana School District), Tina Gunsales (President of the Urbana School Board) and Carol Baker (Business Manager for the School District) were available to answer questions.

Ms Gunsales stated that they appreciate the City's willingness to consider this issue and its expression of support for the children and schools of this community.

Mr. Walden presented the staff report. (See Attachment H: Property Tax Abatement For School District.) One of the ordinances abates the tax levy that the Council approved in November in the amount of \$3,851,950. The proposed \$250,000 abatement would lower the levy to \$3,601,950. The second ordinance is for a budget amendment to compensate for the loss of the \$250,000 in the upcoming levy. The tax levy would need to be done this month in order for tax bills to go out according to the County's timeframe.

Following debate Mr. Hayes made a motion to send both agenda items #11 and #12 to Council for approval. Ms Ryan seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

13. An Ordinance Vacating An Alley Between Wright Street And Romine Street Lying North Of Eads Street

Joseph Smith (Assistant City Engineer) stated that last week there was an objector to the vacation of this alley. Therefore, staff requests that this item be tabled indefinitely until they resolve the objection from the resident.

Following debate, Committee Members had no objections to tabling this item indefinitely.

14. An Ordinance Amending Section 14-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking On Certain Streets (Crystal Lake Dr., Cedar St., Main St., Philo Rd., Tatman Ct.)

Mr. Smith presented the staff report. (See Attachment I: Ordinances From Traffic Commission.)

Following debate, Mrs. Kearns made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Mr. Hayes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

15. An Ordinance Amending Schedule H Of Section 8-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs At Certain Intersections (Busey, Church, Park, Orchard)

(See staff report listed as Attachment I: Ordinances From Traffic Commission.)

Mrs. Kearns made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

16. An Ordinance Closing A Portion Of Orchard Street To Vehicular Traffic

(See staff report listed as Attachment I: Ordinances From Traffic Commission.)

Mr. Taylor made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Mrs. Kearns seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Pollock adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

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*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.