

SPECIAL MEETING
URBANA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1997

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in special session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, February 24, 1997 at the Urbana School District Office at 205 N. Race Street.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock (arrived at 7:38 p.m.), Ryan, Taylor, and Whelan - 7.

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

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that the purpose of this meeting is to complete the agenda items from the February 17th Urbana City Council Meeting. The agenda is a continuation of that meeting and there will be no public input at this meeting.

Community Development Director April Getchius presented the staff report on Ord. No. 9697-90: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (Sunnycrest Apartments II/1702 E. Colorado Avenue) stating that the City is obligated to annex this property by annexation agreement.

Alderwoman Ryan moved to approve Ord. No. 9697-90: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (Sunnycrest Apartments II/1702 E. Colorado Avenue). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Ryan,

Taylor and Whelan - 6; voting nay: none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Administration and Finance

Alderman Hayes moved to approve **Ord. No. 9697-93: An Amendment To An Ordinance Providing For The Disposition Of Impounded Bicycles And Parts.** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Ryan, Taylor and Whelan - 6; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to adopt **Res. No. 9697-R27: A Resolution Of Support For Application For Illinois Department Of Natural Resources Funds By The City Of Urbana.** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Pollock arrived.

Alderman Hayes moved to adopt **Res. No. 9697-R28: A Resolution For Improvement By Municipality Under The Illinois Highway Code (Reconstruction Of Anderson, Fairlawn, And Pennsylvania; Resurfacing On Other Sections).** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor and Whelan - 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to approve **Ordinance No. 9697-94: An Ordinance Providing For The Loan Of \$220,000 From The Economic Development Fund Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, To The Urbana Tax**

**Increment Financing District Three Fund And Providing For The
Details Of The Repayment Of Said Loan Principle And Interest.**

The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns and carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor, Whelan and Mayor Satterthwaite - 8; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to approve **Ord. No. 9697-95: An Ordinance Providing For The Loan Of \$250,000 From The Tax Stabilization Fund Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, To The Urbana Tax Increment Financing District Two Fund And Providing For The Details Of The Repayment Of Said Loan Principle And Interest.**

The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan and carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor, Whelan and Mayor Satterthwaite - 8; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to approve **Ord. No. 9697-96: An Ordinance Providing For The Loan Of \$400,000 From The Economic Development Fund Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, To The Urbana Tax Increment Financing District Two Fund And Providing For The Details Of The Repayment Of Said Loan Principle And Interest.**

The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns and carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor, Whelan and Mayor Satterthwaite - 8; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to adopt **Res. No. 9697-R29: A**

Resolution Allocating The Fourth Public Education & Government

(PEG) Channel For Use By The University Of Illinois. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor and Whelan - 7; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes stated that the next regular meeting of the Committee on Administration & Finance will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 1997 at the Urbana School District Office at 205 North Race Street.

Committee on Environment and Public Safety

Alderwoman Ryan stated that the next regular meeting of the Committee on Environment and Public Safety will be immediately following this special meeting.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Planner Jay Getz presented the staff report on **Ord. No. 9697-97: An Ordinance Approving A Final Plat (Widick's First Subdivision - Plan Case No. 1608-S-96)** stating that is was brought forth by Dr. Helen Widick and Habitat for Humanity.

Alderman Pollock moved to approve **Ord. No. 9697-97: An Ordinance Approving A Final Plat (Widick's First Subdivision - Plan Case No. 1608-S-96)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt.

Following debate, Alderman Pollock moved A Motion

Concerning Widick's First Subdivision, as follows:

"The Urbana City Council is intent upon protecting the Poplar St./Water St. neighborhood for the following reasons:

- 1) This area is filled with affordable housing, one of the City's primary housing needs.
- 2) The City has expended a substantial amount of Community Development money in this neighborhood to stabilize and improve the housing stock.
- 3) It is clear that the construction of a commercial facility on this lot is not in the best interests of stability or of residential property values.
- 4) It is clear that the construction of a commercial facility on this lot is not in the best interests of A Woman's Fund, and may jeopardize their mission as well as the nearly half a million dollars invested by the City of Urbana in their new shelter.
- 5) The residents in this area are overwhelmingly opposed to any change in zoning or comprehensive plan designation which would allow a commercial use on this lot.
- 6) A commercial use on this lot will mean increased traffic, noise, safety concerns, and parking concerns.
- 7) The residents of this area have demonstrated their commitment to protect this neighborhood through petition and numerous appearances before both the Plan Commission and the City Council.

Therefore, The Urbana City Council requests that Staff prepare the necessary documents to initiate a plan case to change the Comprehensive Plan designation for the northern lot of Widick's First Subdivision to low density residential and to change the zoning to one appropriate for this designation, and to bring this case to the Urbana Plan Commission as soon as possible."

The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan.

Following debate, Mayor Pro Tem Pollock took the Chair and Mayor Satterthwaite entered debate in support of the ordinance and the motion.

The motion to approve A Motion Concerning Widick's First Subdivision carried by voice vote.

Alderwoman Ryan took the Chair and Mayor Pro Tem Pollock entered debate.

Following further debate, Alderman Taylor moved to separate the question by separating the waivers from the rest of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan.

Following further debate, Alderman Taylor withdrew his motion.

Following further debate, the motion to approve Ord. No. 9697-97: An Ordinance Approving A Final Plat (Widick's First Subdivision - Plan Case No. 1608-S-96) carried 5-2 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Ryan and Taylor - 5; voting nay: Pollock and Whelan - 2.

Mayor Satterthwaite resumed the Chair.

Mayor Satterthwaite submitted for Council approval, Anne Heinze Silvis, 611 West Iowa Street, as his recommendation for Appointment To The Community Development Commission.

Alderwoman Patt moved to accept Mayor Satterthwaite's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the
Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12
p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.
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