

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1997

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 3, 1997 at the Urbana School District Office at 205 North Race Street.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, and Whelan - 6; absent: Taylor - 1.

Also present were staff members: Chief Adair, Jay Getz, Bruce Stoffel, Bruce Walden, Stephen Holz, April Getchius, Bill Gray, and Company Officer Mike Mabry.

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Tod Satterthwaite.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderwoman Patt moved approval of the minutes of the February 17, 1997 regular meeting and the special meeting of February 24, 1997. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns.

Alderwoman Ryan moved to amend the minutes of February 17, 1997 on page 6, second line from the bottom where it states "Sidewalk and Maintenance of Median." and should read "Maintenance of Sidewalks and Median." Also on page 7, in the middle of the page where it reads "Alderwoman Ryan made a motion to amend page 9, Section 11 of the Agreement regarding liquor license.", Alderwoman Ryan requested that it read "Alderwoman Ryan made a motion to amend page 9, Section 11 of the Agreement to delete the guaranteed liquor license on the Rose Tract." The

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motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt. There were no objections.

Alderman Whelan requested to amend the minutes by editing Earl O'Shea's comments to state "Earl O'Shea addressed the Council on the topic of a continuing problem in his neighborhood and expressed his support for better government and criticized the Satterthwaite administration."

Alderman Pollock objected to the amendment stating that he had no problem with the idea of factual content of what Mr. O'Shea had to say about the continuing problems with the neighborhood. In terms of the politics of attacking the Administration of the Mayor or anyone else, that doesn't belong in the minutes.

Alderman Whelan moved to amend the minutes to state "Earl O'Shea addressed the Council on the topic of a continuing problem in his neighborhood." There were no objections.

Alderman Whelan moved to amend page 8, paragraph 4 to state "Alderman Whelan began to read a letter from Mark Michaels in opposition to the SRO into the record." There were no objections. Also, in paragraph 9, to change after "Following further debate," to read "Alderman Whelan continued to read a part of Mr. Michaels letter into the record and then moved to continue this item for two weeks in order to organize an ad hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing the financial projections of the SRO budget." There were no objections.

The motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 1997 regular meeting, as amended, and the February 24, 1997 special meeting carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Mark Michaels, 705 Harmon, addressed the Council regarding the structure of the Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement and the possible political involvement of its members.

Gerard Archibald, 1105 East Oregon, addressed the Council to apologize for the coverage of him in the election stating that he never said that he was the sole critic of the City or that he was the lone person suing the City. Mr. Archibald also questioned the eight cent savings in property tax.

Judy Wyatt, 1202 E. Harding, addressed the Council regarding the problems with disabled parking in the City of Urbana, specifically the parking spaces in the business sector.

Karen Kummer, representing the Preservation Association, addressed the Council to present the National Register Plaque for the Ater-Jaques House. This plaque was presented on behalf of the Preservation Association, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Illinois Historic

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Preservation Agency. As the house is located in Ward 2, the plaque was presented to Alderwoman Ryan.

John Lee Johnson, representing Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement, addressed the Council to respond to remarks made by Mark Michaels regarding the operations of the ICCI.

Alderman Whelan read a list of economic development that occurred under the Markland administration and stated his opinion that what the present Mayor has done is to his credit and stated that many of the things this administration has been given credit for were started under the Markland administration.

Alderman Pollock stated that it is disappointing to see this body become a political platform. This is not the purpose of the Council. Political activity should be kept off the floor of the Council.

Alderman Whelan inquired what the impact of Champaign's decision on the Boneyard have on the City of Urbana?

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that staff has been working very closely with Champaign over the years this has been in progression. Public Works Director Bill Gray has been sitting on the Technical Committee in Champaign and has reviewed the plans for the Boneyard. The final plans will be reviewed with a third party engineering firm in order to be sure that the methodology is correct and that Urbana's interest, as the downstream community, would be met as far as improvements are concerned.

Mr. Gray stated that he is pleased with the City of Champaign's Concept G that has been selected. This provides the most initial amount of detention of the all the concepts. What happens next is that Champaign's consultant will now be doing final computer modeling of the hydraulics for the stream and what those improvements will mean to the Boneyard Creek. At some point in the next couple of months the City of Urbana will meet with consultants and verify what conceptually has been placed before us as to how this will all work.

Alderwoman Ryan requested that there be a public forum on the issue for the Downtown Neighborhood Association and others who live along the Boneyard to keep them up-to-date and address their concerns regarding this issue.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that there is a request from Michael Doyle of the ICCI to address the Council and inquired if there were objections.

There being no objections, Mr. Doyle addressed the Council in response to allegations by Mark Michaels regarding his involvement in the ICCI and political campaigns.

Mayor Satterthwaite responded to Mr. Archibald's questions regarding the property tax rate of the City of Urbana over the last several years. There has been a drop in the property tax from \$1.58 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$1.48 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Part of that was due to the change in funding of the Recycling Program and the impact of the

economic development that the City has seen. Last year the Council chose to initiate a new program of leaf pick up which added approximately two cents to the property tax. Those are the changes that have taken place in the past few years.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

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 at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 10, 1997, at the Urbana School Board Office at 205 North Race Street.

Committee on Environment and Public Safety

Alderwoman Ryan moved to adopt **9697-R30: A Resolution Amending The Urbana Home Consortium And City Of Urbana Consolidated Plan For Program Years 1995-1999, The Annual Action Plan For Program Year 1995-1996, And The Annual Action Plan For Program Year 1996-1997.** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 5-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock and Ryan - 5; voting nay: Whelan - 1.

Alderwoman Ryan moved to approve **Ord. No. 9697-98: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (CDBG Program).** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 6-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes,

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Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan and Mayor Satterthwaite - 6; voting nay: Whelan - 1.

Alderwoman Ryan moved to approve Ord. No. 9697-99: An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To An Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (ICCI - HomeBuild Program). The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes.

Following debate, Alderwoman Kearns moved to call the question and was seconded by Alderman Pollock. The motion carried by a roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock and Ryan - 5; voting nay: Whelan - 1.

The motion to approve Ord. No. 9697-99: An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To An Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (ICCI - HomeBuild Program) carried 5-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock and Ryan - 5; voting nay: Whelan - 1.

Alderwoman Ryan moved to approve Ord. No. 9697-100: An Ordinance To Approve An Agreement To Sell Certain Real Estate (702 West Sunset). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 6-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan and Mayor Satterthwaite - 6; voting nay: Whelan - 1.

Alderwoman Ryan stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee On Environment and Public

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Safety will be held Monday, March 24, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Urbana School Board Office at 205 N. Race Street.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden reported that there has been some difficulty with the emergency warning siren system. Staff is working to make changes in that system and hope to have temporary changes in place by the end of this week. The testing of the siren scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, will not be done.

The City has received \$280,000 from the Federal government to purchase a new warning system.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Planner Jay Getz presented the staff report on Ord. No. 9697-101: An Ordinance Approving A Preliminary Plat (Stone Creek Subdivision - Plan Case No. 1644-S-97).

Alderman Hayes moved to approve Ord. No. 9697-101: An Ordinance Approving A Preliminary Plat (Stone Creek Subdivision - Plan Case No. 1644-S-97). 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, Pollock, Ryan and Whelan - 6; voting nay: none.

Mr. Getz presented the staff report on Ord. No. 9697-102: An Ordinance Approving A Final Plat (Wabash Railroad

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Subdivision - Plan Case No. 1644-S-97). Alderwoman Kearns moved to approve Ord. No. 9697-102: An Ordinance Approving A Final Plat (Wabash Railroad Subdivision - Plan Case No. 1644-S-97).

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, Pollock, Ryan and Whelan - 6; voting nay: none.

Mayor Satterthwaite and Public Works Director Bill Gray presented the staff report on Ord. No. 9697-103: An Ordinance Amending Section 10-4(b) Of The Urbana Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Curbside Collection; Schedule".

Following debate, Alderman Pollock moved to approve Ord. No. 9697-103: An Ordinance Amending Section 10-4(b) Of The Urbana Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Curbside Collection; Schedule". The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt.

Following further debate, Alderman Pollock moved to table Ord. No. 9697-103: An Ordinance Amending Section 10-4(b) Of The Urbana Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Curbside Collection; Schedule" to the City Council Meeting of March 17, 1997. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt. The ordinance was tabled.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

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

Alderman Whelan requested that the minutes of the March 3, 1997 meeting be secured for legal reasons. These minutes reflect comments made regarding the Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement (ICCI). There were no objections.

Alderman Whelan moved to eliminate the words "his opinion" on the first line of page 4 in the minutes. Alderman Patt seconded the motion. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

The March 3, 1997, Urbana City Council Minutes, as amended, were approved on March 17, 1997.