

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MAY 12, 1997
7:30 P.M.**

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Laura Huth, Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt,
John Taylor, Joseph Whelan and Ruth Wyman

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Police Chief Eddie Adair, Stephen Holz, April Getchius,
Fire Chief William Pessemier, Deborah Roberts, Diane
Schober, Joe Smith, Bruce Stoffel and Mayor Tod
Satterthwaite

Others Present:

Tracy Parsons, Cleveland Jefferson, Beldon Fields,
Sandra Ahten, Sheila Ferguson, Frank Pierce, Charles
Colbert, Rodney Weis, David Dressel and Members of the
Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana School District Office, 205 N. Race Street

There being a quorum, Chairperson Wyman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Ms. Kearns stated that Grants Management Manager Bruce Stoffel has information for social service funds. More applications came in and there is a memo concerning what Council voted on for Francis Nelson. She request that Mr. Stoffel pass those out and speak briefly about the information.

Ms. Huth requested that discussion of social service funding be added to the agenda prior to the closed session. There were no objections.

Mr. Stoffel reported that the application has been

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mailed to Francis Nelson Health Center and will be returned on or before May 20, 1997. The request will be for \$26,600.

Two other social service applications have been received; one from El Centro por los Trabajadores and one from the Planned Parenthood of East Central Illinois Sisters Program. Both programs are CDBG eligible activities.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that at the last City Council meeting there were concerns regarding allegations of discrimination at a work site in Urbana. This administration takes allegations of discrimination very seriously and they should not be tolerated.

Assistant City Attorney Stephen Holz presented a detailed overview of the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance. (See attached.)

Following debate, Frank Pierce, Director of Special Projects for Integroup (owner and developer of Melrose Apartments), stated that he was sorry to be at this meeting to deal with the topic of discrimination on the Melrose Apartments site. Mr. Pierce stated that whatever the due process is, the Integroup will cooperate.

Mr. Pierce acknowledged that there is a problem at the Melrose Apartments site and it is with the subcontractor. Since discovery of this problem Integroup has been working with the City to solve this problem. Since the subcontractor is hired by the general contractor, Integroup must go through the general contractor to solve this problem. Due process will be followed in this issue.

Mr. Taylor thanked all involved in the process of trying to solve this problem, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Fitzgerald, Steve Holz and Human Relations Officer Vacellia Clark, for their efforts.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Kearns moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 1997 meeting of the Committee on Administration and Finance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ms. Patt moved to amend the minutes on page 5, paragraph 1, to state "Following debate, Chair Pollock made a motion to amend the main motion to separate two issues from the

special committee discussion and request that staff develop: 1) an ordinance to allow ticketing on private property; and 2) an ordinance allowing accessible spaces by request (similar to the Champaign system, at least in terms of the ordinance changes, if not all the details)." the motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

The minutes, as amended, were approved by a voice vote.

Public Input

Tracy Parsons, representing the Urban League; and Cleveland Jefferson, NAACP; addressed the Committee regarding the alleged racial discrimination at the Melrose Apartment site.

Beldon Fields, 206 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, addressed the Committee regarding the timeframe and publication of the problems of the Melrose Apartment site, and the responsibility of Integroup.

Sandra Ahten, 1408 S. Vine, addressed the Committee regarding the procedures for making a complaint to the Human Relations Department and the particular issue of the Melrose Apartment site.

Mayor Satterthwaite encouraged those with questions regarding the complaint and mediation process to pick up a copy of the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance located on the table at the back of the room.

University of Illinois Parking Presentation

Charles Colbert, Vice Chancellor for Administration, began the presentation by addressing the need for safety and parking in for form of a parking cavern in front of the Illini Union.

Rodney Weis, Director of Campus Parking and Transportation, spoke briefly about the demand for parking in the area. The vision for the project is to lower Green Street and drop it down two levels, have two levels of parking underground with a pedestrian plaza in front of the Illini Union, and a pedestrian bridge over Green Street.

David Dressel stated that this solves two problems with one project; the difficulty crossing Green Street and the parking problems.

This facility would be operated as a special purpose facility by the Division of Campus Parking and Transportation. This is a stand-alone project and must pay for itself.

Mr. Dressel indicated that the market is Union patrons, campus visitors, UI Foundation guests, alumni and others with a need for short-term parking.

The estimated cost is \$18,000,000. That would be broken down as follows: \$12,500,000 - parking deck; \$1,900,000 - realignment of Green Street; \$3,600,000 - plaza and street crossing. There would be twenty-four hour security.

Lincoln Mobile Home Park Update

Community Development Director April Getchius presented the staff update on the status of the relocation of the 81 residents of Lincoln Mobile Home Park as follows:

Not moved but resolved	15
Not moved but strong options	2
Moved and completed	13
Moved, resolved, but payment incomplete	27
Status unknown, can't reach client	1
Moved, benefit review pending	17
Not moved, not resolved	6

Expenses to date:

Weisiger Loan	\$ 48,597.36
Capstone Benefits	23,288.97
Other Benefits	99,031.36
Other Expenses	110.00
Total	<u>\$171,027.69</u>

It is expected that the total cost will be around \$437,000 to accomplish these moves, \$330,000 of which was budgeted previously. Staff will be coming back to Council for a budget amendment at an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Patt discussed the situation of the people who moved before the relocation plan was put in place. Ms. Patt stated it was her understanding that their legitimate moving costs would be reimbursed.

An Ordinance Approving An Urbana HOME Consortium Recipient Agreement (Mental Health Center-Supportive Group Home)

Sheila Ferguson, representing the Mental Health Center, addressed the Committee to present the background of the group home at 1707 South Cottage Grove.

These group homes will have 24 hour backup services.

After the house was located, Ms. Ferguson's group canvassed the neighborhood and found the neighbors very receptive to the home being located in their neighborhood. An open house was held with the neighborhood people and the people that will be living in the house. It went well and the neighbors were very supportive.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved to send **An Ordinance Approving An Urbana HOME Consortium Recipient Agreement (Mental Health Center-Supportive Group Home)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Amendment (Telecommunications Consultant)

Mr. Holz was present to answer questions on the above mentioned ordinance.

Ms. Patt moved to send **An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Amendment (Telecommunications Consultant)** for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Amendment (Stone Creek Development - Utility Line Relocation)

Assistant City Engineer Joe Smith gave staff presentation stating that this is for a gravel road to serve the Illinois Power line relocation at Stone Creek. The power line will be relocated along Florida Avenue extended from Thomas Paine over to Highcross.

Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to send **An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Amendment (Stone Creek Development - Utility Line Relocation)** for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

Social Service Funding

Ms. Huth moved to reopen the grant application deadline to accept the two additional grant applications and to allow other agencies to apply for grants. Perhaps the fairest way to do that is to extend the deadline until May 20, 1997. Ms. Huth requested that staff prepare a press release stating as such.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor made a friendly amendment to add that the only information that we request that staff forward to the public would be one press release and that the deadline be extended to June first. Following debate, Mr. Taylor withdrew his motion.

Following debate, the motion to reopen the grant application deadline carried by a voice vote.

Closed Session - Union Negotiations

Ms. Patt moved to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Union negotiations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan and Wyman; voting nay: none.

The Committee entered into closed session at 10:13 p.m. and reconvened at 11:16 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairperson Wyman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary