

1 **CITY OF URBANA**

2 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 1997 - 7:30 P.M.**

3 **CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**

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6 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carolyn Kearns (Chair); James Hayes,  
7 Jr.; Ruth Wyman; Esther Patt; John Taylor; Joseph Whelan, Jr.

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9 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Laura Huth

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11 **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce  
12 Walden; Jack Waaler; Eddie Adair; William Pessemier; April  
13 Getchius; William Gray; Craig Grant

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15 **OTHERS PRESENT:** John L. Johnson; Greg Springer; Earl O'Shea;  
16 Allen Booth; Media

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18 **1. Call to Order**

19 Chair Kearns called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

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21 **2. Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report**

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23 There were no additions to the agenda.

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25 Mayor Satterthwaite distributed a memo from Bill Gray  
26 (Public Works Director) regarding a grant application the  
27 City of Urbana was unsuccessful in obtaining--the Bicycle  
28 Path Grant Application for the multi-purpose path from  
29 Trails Drive to Colorado on Philo Road and a portion of  
30 Windsor Road. The City will be re-applying for this next  
31 Spring.

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33 Mayor Satterthwaite also distributed a tentative timeline  
34 for the Flex-N-Gate project. The only real change is that  
35 Flex-N-Gate has requested final action for September 2, 1997  
36 and an absolute last date of September 15, 1997. Public  
37 hearings have been scheduled and are ongoing.

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39 Mr. Gray reported on some action staff would like to take  
40 based on a recent Traffic Commission meeting. The principal  
41 of Leal School and a parent approached the Commission  
42 regarding a safety concern on Oregon Street between Birch  
43 and Cedar Streets when children are being dropped-off and  
44 picked-up at school. There is not enough room for two-way  
45 traffic. The suggestion they had would be to make Oregon  
46 one-way westbound on that one block stretch. Staff would do  
47 this by posting barricades at the west end (Birch Street)  
48 between 8-8:20 a.m. and 2:45-3:05 p.m. A 90-day trial  
49 period is proposed, afterwhich time staff would report back  
50 to Council for any permanent action.

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52 April Getchius (Community Development Director), Craig Grant  
53 (Building Safety Division Manager), William Pessemier (Fire  
54 Chief) and Jack Waaler (City Attorney) gave a report  
55 regarding The New Yorker Apartments. Mr. Grant reported on  
56 Building Code issues, to which he disagrees with BOCA's  
57 interpretation; Chief Pessemier reported on the issue of

6 requirements because it is fully sprinklered; and Mr. Waaler  
7 addressed legal ramifications, pointing out that Mr. Grant,  
8 as the building official, is the legal person to make these  
9 determinations unless determined otherwise by a court of  
10 law.  
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12 **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
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14 July 28, 1997 -- Mr. Whelan made a motion to approve the  
15 minutes of July 28, 1997. Mr. Hayes seconded. The motion  
16 carried by voice vote.  
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18 **4. Public Input**  
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20 John L. Johnson, 309 S. State (Champaign), addressed the  
21 Committee in opposition to the ordinance regarding the  
22 appointment of Champaign County Housing Authority  
23 Commissioner.  
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25 Greg Springer, 206 Wood, representing the Downtown  
26 Neighborhood Association, addressed the Committee in support  
27 of the City's Comprehensive Plan revisions.  
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29 Earl O'Shea, 606-A Glover, addressed the Committee on the  
30 topic of "government as written in our laws", and expressed  
31 his support on the subject.  
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33 Allen Booth addressed the Committee on the topic of The New  
34 Yorker Apartments and his opposition to the way this issue  
35 was handled.  
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37 **5. Greenscape Program Presentation**  
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39 Michael Brunk (City Arborist) updated the Committee on the  
40 progress of the City of Urbana's Greenscape Program.  
41 Following the update, the Committee watched a video  
42 commercial organized by Mr. Brunk which promotes the  
43 Greenscape Program.  
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45 **6. An Ordinance Regarding Appointment Of Champaign County  
46 Housing Authority Commissioner**  
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48 Mr. Waaler presented the staff report.  
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50 Mr. Taylor made a motion to send this item to Council for  
51 approval. Mr. Whelan seconded. Following debate, the  
52 motion carried by voice vote.  
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54 **7. Appointment To Champaign County Housing Authority**  
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56 Assuming that the "Ordinance Regarding Appointment Of  
57 Champaign County Housing Authority Commissioner" is approved

1 by Council, Mayor Satterthwaite stated that he would be  
2 recommending Jeanette Donaldson to the Board. Ms Donaldson  
3 is a current member of the Board.  
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9 Mr. Whelan made a motion to send this item to Council for  
10 approval and was seconded by Mr. Taylor.  
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12 Ms Patt expressed concern about requesting Ms Donaldson to  
13 resign her seat on the Board in order to be reappointed as a  
14 resident of Urbana. Ms Patt states: "It's very hard to get  
15 behind the idea of giving up to the City of Champaign  
16 appointment powers that we fought for three years to win  
17 from the County. Since this comes to us in the form of a  
18 motion to appoint Jeanette Donaldson, I will support the  
19 motion. But I don't agree with this strategy and I wish the  
20 whole matter had been handled differently." Debate ensued.  
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22 Following debate, the motion to send this item to Council  
23 for approval carried by voice vote.  
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25 **8. An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance**  
26 **(Telecommunications Consultant - \$7,000)**  
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28 Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) presented the  
29 staff report to Committee.  
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31 Following debate, Mr. Taylor made a motion to send this item  
32 to Council for approval. Mr. Whelan seconded. The motion  
33 carried by voice vote.  
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35 **9. An Ordinance Abandoning "Hickory Street Extended" As Public**  
36 **Right-Of-Way**  
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38 Mr. Waaler presented the staff report.  
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40 Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council for  
41 approval. Mr. Whelan seconded. The motion carried by voice  
42 vote.  
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45 **Adjournment**  
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47 With no further business to come before the Committee, Chair  
48 Kearns adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.  
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52 Respectfully submitted,  
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57 Deborah J. Roberts

1 Recording Secretary

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5 \*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.