

1 **CITY OF URBANA**
2 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1997 - 7:30 P.M.**
3 **CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL**
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6 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ruth Wyman (Chair); James Hayes,
7 Jr.; Laura Huth; Carolyn Kearns; Esther Patt; John Taylor
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9 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joseph Whelan, Jr. (Excused)
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11 **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce
12 Walden; Jack Waaler; Eddie Adair; William Pessemier; Bruce
13 Stoffel; Ronald Eldridge; Karen Rasmussen
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15 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Judy Stoll; Cindy Bennett; Kathleen Pecknold;
16 Doug Varner; J. Dale Berry; Alan Rutledge; Jim Gladney; Cliff
17 Singer; Steve Mitchell; Media
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19 **1. Call to Order**
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21 There being a quorum, Chair Wyman called the meeting to
22 order at 7:32 p.m.
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24 **2. Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report**
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26 There were no additions to the agenda.
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28 Mrs. Kearns informed the Committee and audience present of a
29 Cable Commission public hearing scheduled for Wednesday,
30 October 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
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32 Mr. Taylor made a motion to delete agenda item #12 (Closed
33 Session) from tonight's agenda and move it to the next
34 Committee meeting scheduled for October 27, 1997. He had
35 received some information from City Attorney Jack Waaler
36 that was related to the issue to be discussed in closed
37 session and wanted more time to review it. Mrs. Kearns
38 seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.
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40 **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
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42 September 2, 1997 -- Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the
43 minutes of September 2, 1997. Ms Patt seconded. The motion
44 carried by voice vote.
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46 **4. Public Input**
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48 The following people addressed the Committee in opposition
49 to the proposed intergovernmental agreement for fire
50 protection and emergency medical services between the
51 University of Illinois and the cities of Urbana and
52 Champaign:
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54 Cindy Bennett, 302 N. First (Tolono), representing
55 University of Illinois Fire Department;
56 Doug Varner and J. Dale Berry, 1306 W. Green, representing
57 the University of Illinois Campus Local #594; and

1 Steve Mitchell, University of Illinois Fire Fighter.

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10 The following people did not address the Committee, but
11 were noted for the record as being in opposition to the
12 proposed intergovernmental agreement for fire services:
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14 Judy Stoll, representing AFSCME Local 3700 clericals on the
15 U of I Urbana-Champaign Campus;
16 Alan Rutledge, 77 Glenbrook Ln. (Fisher), representing the
17 U of I Fire Fighters' Local 594; and
18 Jim Gladney, 1909 W. John (Champaign).
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20 Kathleen Pecknold, representing the University of Illinois,
21 addressed the Committee in support of the proposed
22 intergovernmental agreement for fire services.
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24 Cliff Singer, 412 W. Iowa, addressed the Committee on the
25 topic of taxes and expressed his concerns relative to
26 recycling and sewer benefit taxes.
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28 **5. An Ordinance For The Sale Of City Interest In Certain Former**
29 **Railroad Right-Of-Way Land**

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31 Jack Waaler (City Attorney) presented the staff report.
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33 Mrs. Kearns made a motion to send this item to Council for
34 approval. Mr. Hayes seconded. The motion carried by voice
35 vote.
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37 **6. Neighborhood Organization Grant Report**

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39 Bruce Stoffel (Grants Management Division Manager) presented
40 the staff report with assistance from Karen Rasmussen
41 (Grants Coordinator I). (See Attachment A: Staff
42 Report/Neighborhood Organization Grant.)
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44 Following debate, Ms Patt made a motion to have staff bring
45 this item back to Council in ordinance form. Mr. Hayes
46 seconded. Debate ensued.
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48 Following further debate, the motion carried by voice vote.
49 This item will appear on the next Committee agenda (October
50 27, 1997).
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52 **7. A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding Between**
53 **The City Of Urbana, The Housing Authority Of Champaign**
54 **County, Developmental Services Center, Greater Community**
55 **Aids Project, Mental Health Center Of Champaign County, and**
56 **Prairie Center For Administration Of The Shelter Plus Care**
57 **Program**

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2 Mr. Stoffel presented the staff report. (See Attachment B:
3 Staff Report/Shelter Plus Care Program.)
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12 Mr. Hayes made a motion to send this item to Council for
13 approval. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice
14 vote.
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- 16 8. & 9. **Ordinance No. 9798-53: An Ordinance Approving An**
17 **Intergovernmental Agreement Between The University Of**
18 **Illinois And The Cities Of Urbana And Champaign (Fire**
19 **Protection And Emergency Medical Services); and Ordinance**
20 **No. 9798-48: An Ordinance Relating To Civil Service**
21 **(Experienced Fire Fighters)**
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23 William Pessemier (Urbana Fire Chief) responded to
24 statements made earlier in "Public Input." Also present was
25 Steve Veazie (Legal Counsel for University of Illinois) who
26 addressed the Committee on some of the concerns raised, as
27 well as the issue of unfair labor.
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29 There was some concern about the City acting on this issue
30 prior to the University completing its negotiations with the
31 fire fighters on personnel issues. The University's
32 position is that this issue should not be delayed any
33 longer. Negotiations on the contract will continue, whether
34 or not the City votes on the agreement.
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36 These items are scheduled to appear on the City Council
37 agenda for next week (October 20th).
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- 39 10. **Ordinance No. 9798-50: An Ordinance Repealing Section 22-**
40 **45(1) And Amending Section 22-44 Of The Code Of Ordinances**
41 **Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, And Establishing A**
42 **Telecommunications Tax (Taxes - Telecommunications Tax)**
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44 Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) responded to questions raised
45 at the last City Council meeting.
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47 Mrs. Kearns made a motion to send this item to Council for
48 approval with an amendment to page 7 changing the rate to
49 3.25%. Mr. Hayes seconded.
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51 Ms Patt moved to amend the rate to 5%. Ms Wyman seconded.
52 The motion carried by voice vote.
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54 The motion to send to Council carried by voice vote.
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- 56 11. **Property Tax Ordinances:**
57 A. **An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance**

1 (Property Tax Appropriation - \$25,000)

2 B. Annual Tax Levy Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana,
3 Illinois For The Year Beginning July 1, 1997 And Ending
4 June 30, 1998

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11 C. An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy For \$5.705 Million
12 General Obligation Bonds, Series 1997

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14 D. An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy For \$1.0 Million General
15 Obligation Bonds, Series 1992

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17 Ms Patt made a motion to send all four (4) property tax
18 ordinances to Council for approval. Mrs. Kearns seconded.
19 The motion carried by voice.

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22 **Adjournment**

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24 With no further business to come before the Committee, Chair
25 Wyman adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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29 Respectfully submitted,

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34 Deborah J. Roberts
35 Recording Secretary

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38 Attachments

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