

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 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:**

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Bruce Walden,  
Police Chief Eddie Adair, Fire Chief Bill Pessemier,  
Ron Gremore, Bruce Stoffel, and Jack Waaler

**Others Present:**

Earl O'Shea, Steve Frankel, Kurt Norman, Mike Doyle,  
Sarah Janssen, Hanna Stevens, Arvin Gee, Jane Wiles,  
Frieda Wascher, Ted Turlentes, Members of the Media

**Meeting Location:**

Urbana City Council Chambers

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

**Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report**

Mayor Satterthwaite announced that November 10, 1997 is Jean Burkholder Day in the City of Urbana in honor of her 22 years on the Urbana School Board.

Mayor Satterthwaite reported that Saturday, November 15, 1997 is the first annual America Recycles Day. There will be a used motor oil collection event at the parking lot of the Brookens Administration Center from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Ms. Wyman moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 1997 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Earl O'Shea, 606A South Glover Street, addressed the committee on the topic the better government.

Steve Frankel, 409 West Elm; Kurt Norman; Mike Doyle, 411 W. Park; and Jane Wiles addressed the Committee in support of An Ordinance Prohibiting The Operation Of Medical Waste Incinerators Within The City Of Urbana, Illinois.

Frieda Washer, 803 W. Fairview, addressed the Committee in support of An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (714 East Park Street).

Sarah Janssen, 107 N. Coler Street; Hanna Stevens, 2109 Country Squire; Arvin Gee, 617 W. Church Street, Champaign; and Ted Tourlentes, 720 S. Broadway, did not speak but wished to go on record as being in support of An Ordinance Prohibiting The Operation Of Medical Waste Incinerators Within The City Of Urbana, Illinois.

Ms. Huth read two (2) E-Mail messages supporting An Ordinance Prohibiting The Operation Of Medical Waste Incinerators Within The City Of Urbana, Illinois from Linda Kwon, 806 West Iowa and Mick Woolf, West Illinois Street. (See copies attached.)

An Ordinance Relating To Civil Service (Experienced Police Officer And Support Services Clerk Hiring Program)

Police Chief Eddie Adair presented staff report on this ordinance stating the desire to amend the code to permit the employment of experienced police officers and support services clerks. This would enhance the department's ability to recruit and compete for qualified individuals.

Personnel Manager Ronald Gremore addressed Mr. Hayes' question regarding whether these positions are available to other City employees by stating that they are, and the employees would have to go through the same hiring process as outside applicants.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved to send An Ordinance Relating To Civil Service (Experienced Police Officer And Support Services Clerk Hiring Program) to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

Grants Management Manager Bruce Stoffel stated that at tonight's meeting he had distributed a copy of the Grants Managements Division's annual report to HUD for the fiscal year.

This report includes the Community Development Block Grant Report, report on the HOME Program, report on the 1990 Transitional Housing Program, and a report on the 1994 Transitional Housing Program.

Mr. Stoffel stated that a memo had been included in packets regarding the process for social service funding for 1998 and requested Committee comments on this procedure sometime in the near future.

**An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City Of Urbana And Acquired Under The Community Development Program (813 East Park Street)**

Mr. Stoffel presented staff report on this ordinance stating that it authorizes the Mayor to execute a deed to transfer a vacant property located at 813 East Park Street to Habitat for Humanity for use in its housing construction program.

Ms. Wyman moved to send **An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City Of Urbana And Acquired Under The Community Development Program (813 East Park Street)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

**An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (714 East Park Street)**

Mr. Stoffel presented staff report stating that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is recommending the purchase of property at 714 East Park to be cleared for future housing construction.

Ms. Patt moved to send **An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (714 East Park Street)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

**An Ordinance Regarding License Plates/Expired Plates**

City Attorney Jack Waaler presented staff report on this ordinance. Mr. Waaler stated that when he looked into the State bill that authorizes this action, he determined that it

would require, in order to issue a ticket for an expired license place, the operator to be cited for operating a vehicle without a current license place. At first thought, it was thought the City would be enabled to issue a ticket to a vehicle that was parked but did not have current plates. The wording of the bill is that it can only be ticketed while in operation. This presents a proof problem and Mr. Waaler recommends that Committee not pass the ordinance.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved to send An Ordinance Regarding License Plates/Expired Plates to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration and study. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes. Following debate, Mr. Waaler suggested that this be brought back in four weeks with other options and suggestions. There was no objection from the mover. The motion as amended, carried by voice vote.

An Ordinance Prohibiting The Operation Of Medical Waste Incinerators Within The City of Urbana, Illinois

Mayor Satterthwaite presented staff report on this ordinance stating that it formalizes the agreement made by Covenant and Carle Hospitals to discontinue the use of their medical waste incinerators as of January 1, 1998.

Mr. Hayes stated his support for An Ordinance Prohibiting The Operation Of Medical Waste Incinerators Within The City of Urbana, Illinois.

Mr. Whelan stated his concerns regarding prohibition of medical waste incineration.

Mr. Whelan moved to send An Ordinance Prohibiting The Operation Of Medical Waste Incinerators Within The City of Urbana, Illinois to Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman.

Mr. Whelan offered a substitute motion to say that "the City requires that any medical waste incineration that is to be employed in the City go through all the procedures for locating development in the City, and be approved by City Council." The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Following debate, the substitute motion failed 2-5 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Taylor and Whelan - 2; voting nay: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt and Wyman - 5.

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Following further debate, the motion to send An Ordinance Prohibiting The Operation Of Medical Waste Incinerators Within The City of Urbana, Illinois to Council carried 5-2 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt and Wyman - 5; voting nay: Whelan and Taylor - 2.

Ms. Kearns stated that the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be Monday, November 24, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Kearns declared the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor  
Recording Secretary