

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor



Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 1998**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 1998, in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hayes, James (Alderman Ward 3)
Huth, Laura (Alderman Ward 5)
Kearns, Carolyn (Alderman Ward 4)
Patt, Esther (Alderman Ward 1)
Taylor, John (Alderman Ward 7) (7:32)
Whelan, Joseph (Alderman Ward 6)
Wyman, Ruth (Alderman Ward 2)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Jack Waaler; Eddie Adair; William Pessemier; Ronald Eldridge; April Getchius; William Gray

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Applequist; Kevin Fahey; Members of the media

Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April 6, 1998 -- Alderman Patt moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 1998. Alderman Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions.

Mayor Satterthwaite requested to change the order of business on agenda items E.1.b and E.1.c. Item #E.1.c should be acted on first by Council. There were no objections.

C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Audience Participation

Linda Applequist, 204 Pell Circle, read into record her letter to Council expressing her opposition to the John David Mooney sculpture proposed for the location adjacent the Urbana City Building. (See Attachment A: Petitions & Communications/Linda Applequist.)

Kevin Fahey, 6 Florida Court, representing Florida Court residents, addressed the Council in support of the proposed zoning change from R-2 to R-1.

Council Member Participation

Alderman Whelan spoke concerning the Street Light Illumination Plan on tonight's agenda. He requested that discussion of the City's policy be placed on a future Committee agenda to discuss what percentage the City will share with the people, and what percentage of people need to be positive in the decision to light their neighborhoods (i.e., 55% or 60%).

Alderwoman Patt stated that she received a call from Judy Wyatt asking about the proposal for a volunteer force to enforce violations of the City Code regarding accessible parking spaces in public parking lots. Alderwoman Patt requested that this issue also be placed on a future Committee agenda.

Alderwoman Wyman requested that Rod Fletcher (Public Works) be present at another Committee meeting to present an update on apartment recycling. Mayor Satterthwaite stated that he had spoken with Mr. Fletcher and he plans to have an update for the Council in May.

Alderman Whelan informed Council Members that he would be going to Chicago on Wednesday to tour the studio of John David Mooney. He extended an invitation to others on the Council, as well staff, to join him.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 9798-100: ***An Ordinance Approving The Sale And Transfer Of The Interest Of The City Of Urbana In The Green-High Subdivision And Authorizing The Execution Of Deeds***

Alderman Hayes made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Kearns seconded. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Hayes - Aye	Taylor - Aye
Huth - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Kearns - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Patt - Aye	

Disposition: The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9798-100, "An Ordinance Approving The Sale And Transfer Of The Interest Of The City Of Urbana In The Green-High Subdivision And Authorizing The Execution Of Deeds", was approved by Council.

E. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. Ordinance No. 9798-101: **An Ordinance Increasing The Surcharge For An Enhanced Telephone System In The City Of Urbana And Certifying A Referendum**

Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Kearns seconded. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Hayes - Aye	Taylor - Aye
Huth - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Kearns - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Patt - Aye	

Disposition: The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9798-101, "An Ordinance Increasing The Surcharge For An Enhanced Telephone System In The City Of Urbana And Certifying A Referendum", was approved by Council.

- c. Resolution No. 9798-R27: **A Resolution Requesting The Illinois Commerce Commission To Promulgate Alternative Rates For Electric Utility Tax**

Alderman Taylor made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Whelan seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Disposition: Resolution No. 9798-R27, "A Resolution Requesting The Illinois Commerce Commission To Promulgate Alternative Rates For Electric Utility Tax", was adopted by Council.

- b. Ordinance No. 9798-102: **An Ordinance Amending Article IV Of Chapter 22 Of The Municipal Code (Taxation - Municipal Utility Tax)**

Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve. Alderman Whelan seconded. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Hayes - Aye	Taylor - Aye
Huth - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Kearns - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Patt - Aye	

Disposition: The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9798-102, "An Ordinance Amending Article IV Of Chapter 22 Of The Municipal Code (Taxation - Municipal Utility Tax)", was approved by Council.

- d. Ordinance No. 9798-103: **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Urbana, Illinois, Regarding The Schedule Of Fees**

Mayor Satterthwaite informed the Council that Ron Eldridge (Comptroller) had pointed out to him that this ordinance needed to be on file in the City Clerk's Office for 30 days.

Alderwoman Patt made a motion to table this item to the May 18, 1998 City Council meeting. Alderwoman Wyman seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- e. Resolution No. 9798-R28: **Resolution For Improvement By Municipality Under The Illinois Highway Code (Broadway Avenue, Elm Street, Green Street, High Street, Race Street, Vine Street, and Sassafras Alley)**

Alderman Taylor made a motion to adopt this resolution. Alderman Whelan seconded. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Hayes - Aye	Taylor - Aye
Huth - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Kearns - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Patt - Aye	

Disposition: The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Resolution No. 9798-R28, "Resolution For Improvement By Municipality Under The Illinois Highway Code (Broadway Avenue, Elm Street, Green Street, High Street, Race Street, Vine Street, and Sassafras Alley)", was adopted by Council.

- f. Resolution No. 9798-R29: **A Resolution Evidencing The Intention Of The City Of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, To Issue Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds And Related Matters**

Alderman Taylor made a motion to adopt this resolution. Alderman Whelan seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Disposition: Resolution No. 9798-R29, "A Resolution Evidencing The Intention Of The City Of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, To Issue Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds And Related Matters", was adopted by Council.

F. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

G. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. ***Update on Downtown Elderly Housing Project***

April Getchius (Community Development Director) presented the staff report to Council. (See Attachment B: Staff Report/Update On Downtown Elderly Housing Project.)

The Council will meet in special session on April 27, 1998 to discuss this item prior to its Committee Of The Whole meeting.

Not appearing on the agenda was the topic of the progress of the Fire Department concerning the campus area. Fire Chief William Pessemier gave a brief update to the Council and noted how well the University firefighters have done in getting acclimated with Urbana, as well as getting Urbana firefighters acquainted with the campus area. Chief Pessemier gave an example of fire calls acted on and the response times, noting how smoothly the transition has been.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 9798-104: ***An Ordinance Approving A Street Light Illumination Plan***

William Gray (Public Works Director) explained the importance of the City Council adopting this plan. He also stated that the School District is going to cost-share with the City in the installation of streetlighting adjacent to Leal School (Birch and Cedar Streets between California and Oregon). On a similar note, the Park District, at its Phillips Recreation Center, is paying for the lights on McCullough Street, where there currently is no lighting between Springfield and Main. Mr. Gray further stated that bids for this project were received last week.

Following debate, Alderwoman Wyman made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Patt seconded. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Hayes - Aye	Taylor - Aye
Huth - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Kearns - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Patt - Aye	

Disposition: The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9798-104, "An Ordinance Approving A Street Light Illumination Plan", was approved by Council.

Alderwoman Patt expressed her gratitude for this project moving forward, and noted that a good job was done of balancing the need for more light for the pedestrian traffic in maintaining the profile of the neighborhood.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.