

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
APRIL 27, 1998
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, Police Chief Eddie
Adair, April Getchius, Bruce Stoffel, Karen Rasmussen,
Mark Replogle, Bill Gray, Matt Weber, Dave Newcomb,
Reed Berger, Bruce Walden, Ron Eldridge, Mike Brunk and
Jack Waaler

Others Present:

Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Taylor called the meeting
to order at 7:38 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden distributed
the tentative budget schedule to Committee members.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the April 13,
1998 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was
seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Linda Applequist, 204 Pell Circle, and Tom Rauchfuss,
306 West Iowa Street, addressed the Committee in opposition to
the Art-In-The-Park agreement.

Jeff Markland, 1101 E. Oregon; Robin Hall, 1810R
Glenwood Oaks Court; Carl Webber, 202 Lincoln Square; and Kay

McGuire, 112 D Whitehall Court; addressed the Committee in support of the Art-In-The Park agreement.

Barbara M. Pritchard, 1317 E. Florida, and Lester Pritchard, 1317 E. Florida, addressed the Committee in regard to the Champaign County Housing Authority.

Rick Rose, 503 Laurel, St. Joseph, addressed the Committee to state his opposition to the automatic aid agreement between the Fire Departments of the cities of Urbana and Champaign.

Delroy Robinson, 116 West Healey, representing Jump Start 2 Responsibility, addressed the Committee regarding employment and training opportunities and the upcoming social service grant review.

Mr. Hayes thanked the City of Urbana, Ward 3, UCAP and all those who participated, for the successful neighborhood cleanup this past weekend.

Mr. Hayes stated that Jette Rhodes, the UCAP member that generally oversees the neighborhood clean up, passed away and the funeral was Saturday and that same afternoon her mother, Mrs. Florence Johnson, passed away. In spite of those tragedies, the neighborhood clean up was successful.

Ms. Huth stated that she had been getting a lot of calls regarding barking dogs and loud stereos from automobiles and requested a procedure on how to handle those problems. Mr. Walden stated that those complaints should be referred to the Urbana Police Department. Mayor Satterthwaite suggested that people might call the non-emergency telephone number at METCAD which is 333-8911.

Art-In-The Park Agreement

City Arborist Mike Brunk and Carl Webber were present to answer questions regarding the Art-In-The Park project.

In response to the question on the \$100,000 the City is to provide for the project, Mayor Satterthwaite stated that it is noted in the contract. The funding for this project was included in **An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,890,000 Corporate Purpose General Obligation Bonds**, which was the budgetary authority to spend \$2,225,000 for "Courthouse Parking and Related Improvements" out of the bond funds. This project was termed "Courthouse Parking" and included as one part of "Art-In-The-Park". Due to IRS regulations that required that monies from the bond proceeds be spent no later than 1994, a transfer was

budgeted and the balance of the bond proceeds were included in the Motor Vehicle Parking System Fund budget for Reserved Courthouse Parking. This information is included in the Art-In-The-Park packet in a memo from the City Comptroller. (See attached information regarding Art-In-The-Park.)

Responding to the question as to whether the City Council has ever voted to spend any money on this project, it was stated that decision has not been made.

The actual cost of the landscaping so far is \$35,000 which includes the entire two block area around the complex. The contribution of the artist thus far is seven (7) years of time.

Regarding the contract, there is a section which states "the City will provide the fountain lighting, water basin, water pumps return, jets, filters, osinators/and water treatment systems only so long as the City's total expenses, as listed, are no more than and additional \$100,000." That \$100,000 is the same as the other \$100,000, not an additional amount. The language will need to be changed.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved to send the Art-In-The Park Agreement to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns. Mr. Whelan withdrew his motion.

Mr. Hayes moved to send the Art-In-The Park Agreement to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns.

Discussion continued with Ms. Patt reading letters from Jeryldene M. Wood, Associate Professor Of Art from the University of Illinois, Jonathan Fineberg, Professor of Art History at the University of Illinois, and David O'Brien, Assistant Professor of the School of Art and Design, which expressed their concerns regarding the acceptance and installation of an outdoor sculpture for the new City building. (See copies attached.)

Following further debate, Mr. Whelan moved to send the Art-In-The Park Agreement to the Committee of the Whole on May 11, 1998. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Housing Authority Discussion

Pat Stebbins and Elawrence Davis, representing the Housing Authority of Champaign County, were present to answer questions from the Committee regarding the proposed HOPE VI Application for Lakeside Terrace.

Following debate regarding the type and size of units

which will be available, how many will be handicap accessible and whether housing can be available at 30 percent of median income, Mr. Hayes moved to request the Housing Authority to bring an application back to Council for the HOPE VI Project so the Council can pass and ordinance or resolution that the Mayor can sign. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan.

At 11:00 p.m. Ms. Wyman moved to extend the meeting for thirty minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Wyman read a letter from Ruth Osgood which stated her opposition to the demolition of Lakeside Terrace.

Following further debate the motion to request the Housing Authority to bring an application back to Council for the HOPE VI Project in order that Council can pass and ordinance or resolution that the Mayor can sign, carried by a show of hands vote.

Mr. Whelan left the meeting at 11:23 p.m.

**A Resolution Approving The City Of Urbana And
Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County Home Consortium FY 1998/1999
Annual Action Plan**

Grants Management Manager Bruce Stoffel presented staff report on **A Resolution Approving The City Of Urbana And
Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County Home Consortium FY 1998/1999
Annual Action Plan** and distributed the social service grant requests for the fiscal year 1998-1999 which are part of the above mentioned action plan.

At 11:30 p.m., Ms. Wyman moved to extend time for 30 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Following debate, Mr. Stoffel continued staff report on the Annual Action Plan for FY1998-1999. The Annual Action Plan is a statement of activities to be undertaken by the City of Urbana with Community Development Block Grant funds and activities to be undertaken by members of the HOME Consortium (Urbana, Champaign, Champaign County) with HOME funds.

Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to send **A Resolution Approving The City Of Urbana And Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County Home Consortium FY 1998/1999 Annual Action Plan** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

Res. No. 9798-R25: A Resolution Amending Housing Rehabilitation Guideline As Originally Authorized By Resolution 7576-26

Mr. Stoffel presented staff report on **Res. No. 9798-R25: A Resolution Amending Housing Rehabilitation Guideline As Originally Authorized By Resolution 7576-26.**

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to send **Res. No. 9798-R25: A Resolution Amending Housing Rehabilitation Guideline As Originally Authorized By Resolution 7576-26** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Approving An Agreement To Share Costs Of Improvements To A Certain Alley

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report on **An Ordinance Approving An Agreement To Share Costs Of Improvements To A Certain Alley.** St. Patrick's Church and Carle Foundation Hospital have approached the City to reconstruct an alley located between Main Street and Park Street running east and west between Busey Avenue and Coler Avenue. The City does not generally up grade alleys to concrete or asphalt pavements without cost sharing by adjacent property owners. Both St. Patrick's Church and Carle Foundation Hospital are each willing to pay one-third of the cost.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to send **An Ordinance Approving An Agreement To Share Costs Of Improvements To A Certain Alley** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance Home Recycling (U-Cycle)

Mr. Gray stated that the current budget for the U-Cycle program did not anticipate that a final ruling concerning the litigation of the recycling tax would be issued this year. No monies were budget for the expense of acquiring and mailing the billings associated with the tax. The billings were made and the budget needs to be amended to reflect the printing and postage expenses of \$3,050.

Ms. Patt moved to send **An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance Home Recycling (U-Cycle)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Contractual Asphalt Repair)

Mr. Gray stated that in an effort to keep the streets free of potholes, staff has established a procedure to permanently repair these defects in the winter.

Cross Equipment has equipment that heats the pavement and allows the re-use of existing asphalt to create a smooth permanent repair in the Winter months.

Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to send **An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Contractual Asphalt Repair)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Contractual Turf Maintenance)

Mr. Gray stated that the Public Works Department provides lawn care at various locations throughout the City such as medians at University Avenue and Vine Street/Cunningham Avenue intersection, Lincoln Square Mall, and the Lincoln Avenue and Florida Avenue intersection.

At 12:00 p.m., Ms. Patt moved to suspend Committee Rules. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Hayes moved to extend the meeting until 12:15 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to send **An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Contractual Turf Maintenance)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Amending Section 2-99 (4) Of the Urbana Code Of Ordinance Relating To Civil Service Probation

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that staff is requesting that Council amend the Civil Service Ordinance to allow for an extended probation. There have been several occasion through illness or concern regarding performance where a sufficient amount of time was not allowed to evaluate an employee.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to send **An Ordinance Amending Section 2-99 (4) Of the Urbana Code Of Ordinance**

Relating To Civil Service Probation to the Committee of the Whole on May 11, 1998 with the request of the Legal Department to address the issue of discharge being simultaneous with extension of probation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Florida Court Rezoning

Ms. Getchius stated that this item was brought forward from last week's meeting at Council request. This is a request from a property owner for the Council to initiate a petition to rezone a property along Florida Court which is a private street. The property is currently zone R2-Single Family Residence. There are petitions for 5 of the properties to be rezoned R1-Single Family Residence.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor suggested that this item be continued to the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 11, 1998. There were no objections.

Public Television Commission Appointment

Mayor Satterthwaite submitted for Committee approval the appointment of Dana Mancusco, Public Information and Marketing Coordinator for the Urbana Park District, to the Urbana Public Television Commission as the Park District Representative.

Mr. Hayes moved to send the appointment of Dana Mancusco to the Urbana Public Television Commission to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.
**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

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