

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 4, 1998

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 4, 1998 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council:

Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan, and Wyman - 7;
absent: none.

Also present were staff members: Police Chief Eddie Adair, Fire Chief Bill Pessemier, Matt Weber, Bruce Walden, Jack Waaler, Bill Gray, April Getchius, Bruce Stoffel, Reed Berger, Amy Rose, and Phyllis Clark.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Aldерwoman Kearns moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 1998 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Aldерwoman Patt moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 1998 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Satterthwaite requested to move Ord. No. 9798-113: An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To The Subdivision And Land Development Code of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Miscellaneous Amendments To The Subdivision Regulations - Plan Case 1696-T-98); Ord. No. 9798-114: An Ordinance Approving A Development Agreement With American Pacific Properties; and Ord. No. 9798-115: An Ordinance Approving An Agreement Granting An Option To Purchase City Parking Lot #8 to be the first three items under NEW BUSINESS. There were no objections.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that Ord. No. 9798-114: An Ordinance Approving A Development Agreement With American Pacific Properties and Ord. No. 9798-115: An Ordinance Approving An Agreement Granting An Option To Purchase City Parking Lot #8 should be withdrawn from the agenda.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Cheryl Horvath, 3114 Valerie, Champaign, representing Urbana Firefighters Local #1147, addressed the Council in opposition to the Automatic Aid Agreement.

Kathleen Pecknold, 301 Pond Ridge, representing the University of Illinois, addressed the Council regarding the smooth transition of the fire departments.

Reverend B.J. Tatum, 402 West Main Street, representing the Canaan Development Foundation, addressed the Council regarding the Safe House For Women sponsored by the Canaan Development Foundation.

Lachlan F. Blair, 506 West Illinois; Art Zangerl, 702 W. Michigan; Carolyn Baxley, 510 W. Main; Richard A. Cahill, 307 S. Orchard; and Karen Kummer, 1104 Devonshire, representing PACA; addressed the Council in support of the historic preservation plan and ordinance.

Howard Wakeland, 2213 Combes, addressed the Council to state his concerns regarding the historic preservation plan.

Dixie Smith Jackson, 109 E. Mumford Drive; Helaine Silverman, 108 E. Mumford Drive; Margaret van de Guchte, 4 Burnett Circle; and Dale Johnston, 204 E. Mumford; addressed the Council with their concerns about the condition of the abandoned house at 210 E. Mumford Drive.

Alderman Taylor expressed his displeasure in his belief that the leaders of the firefighters' union have come before this body to address the Council and circumvent the Administration regarding the Union's disagreement with this Administration and Fire Chief over the mutual aid agreement.

Alderwoman Wyman stated her appreciation of the comments of Ms. Horvath and the other firefighters, as well as the Fire Chief to update the Council on the progress of the new fire agreement.

Alderwoman Huth stated her feelings that it is unfair for anyone other than Ms. Horvath to try to classify or categorize her intentions without speaking to her directly.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that Council Members should be reminded that Chief Pessemier was hired for his expertise and is expected to give expert advise based on what is best for all the citizens of the City of Urbana.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that the City is aware of the problem with the property at 210 Mumford Drive and is involved in trying to resolve the situation.

Alderman Whelan stated that the interest and concern for the personnel in the fire department and our constituents is understandable, however, his belief is that Council members should support the Administration. The Council is management and must support management.

Alderwoman Patt stated her feeling that it is ridiculous for anyone to say that there are decisions that the Council makes that all members must continue to support.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole

Alderwoman Patt moved to adopt Res. No. 9798-R30: A Resolution Approving The City Of Urbana And Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County Home Consortium FY 1998-1999 Annual Action Plan. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes. Following debate the motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth,

Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan, and Wyman - 7; voting nay:
none.

Alderwoman Patt moved to adopt Res. No. 9798-R25:
A Resolution Amending Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines As
Originally Authorized By Resolution 7576-26. The motion was
seconded by Alderwoman Wyman.

Following debate, Alderman Whelan moved to set the
limit for liquid capital of any individual at \$10,000 for the
two whole house programs, both the grant deferred loans and
grant installment loans. The motion was seconded by Alderman
Taylor. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice
vote.

Following further debate, Res. No. 9798-R25: A
Resolution Amending Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines As
Originally Authorized By Resolution 7576-26 carried by a
voice vote.

Alderwoman Patt moved to approve Ord. No. 9798-107:
An Ordinance Approving An Agreement To Share Costs Of
Improvements To A Certain Alley. The motion was seconded by
Alderwoman Kearns and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting
aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt,
Taylor, Whelan, and Wyman - 7; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Patt moved to approve Ord. No. 9798-108:
An Ordinance Revising he Annual Budget Ordinance (Home
Recycling/U-Cycle). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman
Wyman and carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were
Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor,
Whelan, Wyman, and Mayor Satterthwaite - 8; voting nay:
none.

Alderwoman Patt moved to approve Ord. No. 9798-109:
An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance
(Contractual Asphalt Repair). The motion was seconded by
Alderwoman Wyman and carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Voting
aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt,

Taylor, Whelan, Wyman, and Mayor Satterthwaite - 8; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Patt moved to approve Ord. No. 9798-110:

An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Contractual Turf Maintenance). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan, Wyman, and Mayor Satterthwaite - 8; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Patt moved to approve the Mayoral Appointment (Public Television Commission) (Dana Mancusco). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

Mayor Satterthwaite suggested a ten minute recess.

There were no objections. The meeting recessed at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alderwoman Kearns reported that the Cable Commission received a presentation by Mike Smeltzer on C-UNET2000 and had a discussion on the TCI transfer.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Fire Chief Bill Pessemier expressed his appreciation for comments of all Council Members and stated that he believes the labor problems will be worked through in the near future.

Chief Pessemier stated that the implementation of the contract for services between the cities of Urbana and Champaign and the University of Illinois is going well and responded to issues raised at the previous Council Meeting.

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented an update on the Boneyard Creek improvements.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that he had received a note from Community Development Director April Getchius

saying that as there was no ordinance in the packet Ord. No. 9798-112: An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To The Subdivision And Land Development Code Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Miscellaneous Amendments To The subdivision Regulations - Plan Case 1696-T-98) and this item should be moved to Committee. There were no objections.

Ms. Getchius presented staff report on Historic Preservation by reviewing the Historic Preservation Plan as drafted by the Historic Preservation Steering Committee.

Following debate, Alderman Whelan moved to send Ord. No. 9798-111: An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To The Comprehensive Plan Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Historic Preservation Plan - Plan Case 1685-CP-98) and Ord. No. 9798-112: An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Creating A Historic Preservation Ordinance - Plan Case 1686-T-98) to the Committee of the Whole on May 26, 1998. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

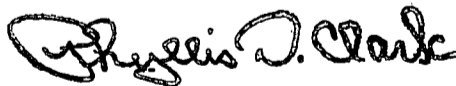
NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor



Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

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