

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
JUNE 22, 1998
7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Laura Huth, Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt,
Joseph Whelan, and Ruth Wyman

Committee Members Absent:

John Taylor (Excused)

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Eddie
Adair, April Getchius, Bill Gray, Matt Weber, Bruce
Walden, Bruce Stoffel, Craig Grant, Reed Berger, Mike
Brunk, and Steve Holz

Others Present:

Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Patt called the meeting to order at 8:24 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Chair Patt requested to move item 12. An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement And Certain Documents In Connection Therewith; And Related Matters (Assist Urbana Program - 1998 Series) to between items 7 and 8. There were no objections.

Public Works Director Bill Gray stated that earlier this year the City had applied for a Governor's Hometown Award for volunteer efforts at Meadowbrook Park and Busey Woods. The City was awarded third place in its category.

Mr. Gray stated that there will be a Public Hearing for North Lincoln Avenue location study on Wednesday, June 24, at 5:00 p.m.

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Mr. Gray further stated that on Thursday, June 25, at 7:00 p.m., the Corps of Engineers will have a Public Hearing at the Granger Library to discuss the University's Boneyard Creek project.

Mr. Gray discussed the article from the News-Gazette on June 18, referencing the tree removal along the Boneyard Creek.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Whelan moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 1998 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman. Ms. Kearns requested to amend the last page of the minutes, the last paragraph before adjournment, by changing the seconder from Mr. Whelan to Ms. Wyman, as Mr. Whelan had left the meeting. There were no objections. Chair Patt requested to change page 3, the third paragraph to show that Bill Mueller and Elizabeth Kirby were opposed to, not in support of the HOPE VI Application. There were no objections. The minutes were approved as amended.

Public Input

Linda Spears, 112 W. Mumford; Dixie Jackson, 109 E. Mumford; and Marilyn Murphy, 207 E. Mumford; addressed the Committee regarding the condition of, and code enforcement at 210 East Mumford.

Ms. Huth read parts of several E-Mail communications regarding Council Policy on Travel which she received from the following constituents who were unable to attend this meeting: Scotty R. Dossett, 501 East High Street; Peggy Patten, 609 W. Indiana; Lori Kingery, 905 Laura Drive, Champaign; Elizabeth Cardman, 708 W. California; Arvin Gee, 617 W. Church Street, Champaign; Bernadine Evans Stake, 304 West Iowa; and Ed Plowey, 204 W. Washington.

Mayor Satterthwaite read a letter from Jr. Weeks regarding the Housing Code Complaint Procedures.

Mr. Whelan stated that he hoped the Committee could address the nuisance problem with some degree of effectiveness.

Ord. No. 9798-111: An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To The Comprehensive Plan Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Historic Preservation Plan - Plan Case 1686-CP-98)

Community Development Director April Getchius stated that she did not have any additions or changes to this ordinance. Following debate, it was stated that this item will be on the agenda of the July 6, 1998 Council Meeting.

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)

Ms. Getchius presented staff report on the changes to this ordinance. Following debate regarding definitions of terms and the differences between historic preservation regulation and the zoning ordinance, it was stated that this ordinance will be on the agenda of the July 6, 1998 City Council Meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Grant Application (HACC)

Grants Management Manager Bruce Stoffel presented staff report on the **Comprehensive Plan Grant Application (HACC)**. Elawrence Davis, representing the HACC, was present for discussion on this application.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved to authorize Mayor Satterthwaite to execute the local government statement certifying that City officials and public housing residents have been consulted in preparation of the plan; that the Comprehensive Plan is consistent with the City's consolidated plan; that the City will cooperate with the Housing Authority in providing resident services and programs; and that proposed drug and crime elimination activities are coordinated with and supportive of local strategies and neighborhood improvement programs. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement And Certain Documents In Connection Therewith; And Related Matters (Assist Urbana Program - 1998 Series)

Mr. Stoffel presented staff report on the above ordinance stating that in the proposed agreement, the City would pool its 1998 private activity revenue bond authority with 19 other Illinois communities to provide special financing arrangements for households desiring to purchase their first home. The new program would be designated as a continuation of the current Assist Urbana program, which began in the fall of 1997._

Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to forward An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement And Certain Documents In Connection Therewith; And Related Matters (Assist Urbana Program - 1998 Series) to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

Council Policy On Travel

Chair Patt stated that this item was forwarded from a past meeting.

Mr. Whelan moved to add the following sentence to the existing Resolution 9293-R36: A Resolution To Establish A Policy Concerning Travel Expenses For Council Members: "Each City Council Member shall have the discretion to select a conference which in his or her best judgement relates to City matters." And to forward this resolution to Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Wyman moved to adopt the procedures presented by Mayor Satterthwaite and City Clerk Clark regarding the procedure for processing the request for expenditure for travel and conference, with the understanding that any conference request is approved, and the procedure for processing it will be as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance Amending Schedule H Of Section 8-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs At A Certain Intersection (Austin Drive at Ivanhoe Way)

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report stating that a resident at the intersection at Austin Drive and Ivanhoe Way requested a stop sign. This was presented at Traffic Commission and the stop sign is warranted because it is a T-intersection.

Mr. Whelan moved to send Ordinance Amending Schedule H Of Section 8-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs At A Certain Intersection (Austin Drive at Ivanhoe Way) to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and

carried by a voice vote.

A Resolution Revising A Prior Resolution Regarding Policy On Vacation Of Alleys

Mr. Gray presented staff report on the above resolution stating that Resolution No. 7475-R19 states that all alleys to be vacated would be appraised and the adjoining property owners would pay the City the appraised amount less any deduction prior to the vacation. There have been examples of no compensation to the City for such vacations in residential areas and staff believes that the resolution should be revised to reflect no compensation in residential areas.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to send **A Resolution Revising A Prior Resolution Regarding Policy On Vacation Of Alleys** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

Housing Code Enforcement Complaint Procedures

Building Safety Division Manager Craig Grant and Ms. Getchius presented the staff report which provided an overview of the general enforcement procedures used by the Building Safety Division to obtain compliance with the City of Urbana Property Maintenance Code requirements.

Following debate, **Housing Code Enforcement Complaint Procedures** was scheduled to be discussed again at the meeting of the Committee of the Whole on July 13, 1998.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Patt declared the meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

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**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.