

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
JULY 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, Bill Gray, Craig Grant, Bruce Walden, and Jack Waaler.

Others Present:

Daniel Grayson, Howard Wakeland, Alice Englebretsen, and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

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

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Building Safety Division Manager Craig Grant presented a staff report on the status of the New Yorker Apartment Building.

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden read a fax from the University of Illinois that stated, in part, that the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will host a public meeting to provide a status report on its progress in developing a master plan for the University's south campus. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 30, 1998 in Room 100 of the College of Veterinary Medicine's Large Animal Clinic, 1102 W. Hazelwood Drive, Urbana, Illinois.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Kearns moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 1998 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Daniel Grayson, 2409 S. Vine Street, addressed the Committee in opposition to having street lamps at all intersections.

Howard Wakeland, 2213 Combes, addressed the Committee in support of the Brick Sidewalk Replacement Appeal - Stoughton Street and Harvey Street.

Alice Englebretsen, 501 E. California, addressed the Committee in support of preservation of brick sidewalks in the City of Urbana.

Cost Sharing For Residential Lighting Project

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report regarding cost sharing for residential service in which he answered questions asked at a previous meeting.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved to change the policy on lighting, allowing for a 50-50 share per landowner and the City of the cost of the street lighting and a 66% approval by the neighbors. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan requested to change his motion to a 60-40 split and 60% approval by neighbors in order to consider the street lighting. Following further debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Housing Code Enforcement Complaint Procedures

Ms. Getchius and Mr. Grant presented staff report on these procedures stating that staff has discussed several options that the Council should consider to expedite code compliance for problem property owners. Among those options are: 1) Change the minimum penalty; 2) Eliminate the third notice; 3) Increase penalties for repeat violators, and eliminate the second notice; and 4) Bond for violations.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to ask staff to bring these recommendations back to Committee in ordinance form as soon as possible this summer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and

carried by a voice vote.

Resolution For Maintenance Of Streets And Highways By Municipality Under The Illinois Highway Code

Mr. Gray presented staff report stating that before Committee this evening is a recommendation to send to the next Council meeting a resolution in the amount of \$75,000. These motor fuel tax monies would be used to perform oil and chip applications to certain streets in Urbana.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to send **Resolution For Maintenance Of Streets And Highways By Municipality Under The Illinois Highway Code** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Brick Sidewalk Replacement Appeal - Stoughton Street and Harvey Street

Mr. Gray presented staff report on an appeal by Howard Wakeland to replace brick sidewalks with cement sidewalks in front of his new construction at 204 N. Harvey.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to send to Council a recommendation of support for an ordinance granting a waiver to Mr. Wakeland for removing the brick sidewalk in front of 204 N. Harvey Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan.

Mayor Satterthwaite passed out a proposed ordinance that would broaden the interpretation of the campus masterplan revision that was made and extend it to the opposite side of the street without an address specific waiver for Committee review.

Following debate, Ms. Patt's motion carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement For Police And Fire Protection Assistance (U.S. National Hot Air Balloon Championships)

Mr. Walden presented staff report on this ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Village of Rantoul to provide certain police and fire protection services and the reimbursement for such services in conjunction with the U.S. National Hot Air Balloon Championships to be held in Rantoul from August 7 through August 15, 1998.

Mr. Walden passed out a change to the ordinance that was distributed with Committee packets. There is a change on page 3, section 2.3, which adds a section on compliance.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved to send An Ordinance Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement For Police And Fire Protection Assistance (U.S. National Hot Aid Balloon Championships), as amended, to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Release of Closed Minutes

Mr. Taylor stated that the minutes being considered for release break down into two (2) sections. Six sets of the minutes deal with the railroad right-of-way and the remaining six, except for a small portion that dealt with the railroad right-of-way, deal with labor negotiations that occurred in the last ten years.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved to approve and release the minutes of the following closed sessions: October 28, 1996; November 4, 1996; September 8, 1997; October 27, 1997; January 6, 1998; and that portion of the August 25, 1997 minutes that relate to the former railroad right-of-way. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan.

Following debate, Ms. Patt asked if Mr. Taylor would change his motion by releasing the unapproved minutes and at the next meeting, vote on approval. Mr. Taylor stated that he would amend the motion tonight to state to release them and then they would be considered at the next committee meeting. There were no objections. The motion, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Taylor moved that Council find and determine that the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or parts of the following closed sessions: May 24, 1993; March 7, 1994; March 4, 1996; June 24, 1996; May 12, 1997; and that portion of the August 25, 1997 minutes that do not relate to the former railroad right-of-way. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Patt declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

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