

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**JULY 26, 1999**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Committee Members Present:**

James Hayes, Laura Huth, Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt, John Taylor, Joseph Whelan, and Ruth Wyman (Chair)

**Committee Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Members Present:**

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Assistant Chief of Police Tim Fitzpatrick, Jack Waaler, Bill Gray, Glenn Berman, Mike Brunk, Larry Fredrick, Jim Kelly, Pat Pioletti and Ron Eldridge

**Others Present:**

Cope Cumpston, Sandy Lewis, Jim Woodard, Robert Spencer, Larry Lister, and Members of the Media

**Meeting Location:**

Urbana City Council Chambers

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There being a quorum, Chair Kearns called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report**

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that included in the packet for this meeting was A Resolution Expressing Outrage To Recent Hate Crimes And Our Community's Response, which the Human Relations Commission presented for Council approval. Also included with this resolution is a copy of a letter to John Fernandez, mayor of Bloomington, Indiana, which expresses condolences to the family of Won-Joon Yoon, on behalf of the City of Urbana. The resolution will be on the agenda of the August 2, 1999 City Council Meeting.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 1999 meeting of the Committee of the

Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman.

Ms. Patt requested to amend the minutes on page 3, paragraph 5, line 6 to add following Library "at City Council's" and delete the word "counsel". Also on page 3, to replace paragraph 2 with the following:

"Mr. Taylor made a motion requesting that the Library Board use a portion of the \$100,000 grant, not to exceed \$35,000, and present to the Council a schematic and preliminary architectural study as well as operating costs for the proposed \$4.75 million plan. Included with the study should be a report on the difference between the \$4.75 million plan and the original \$9 million proposal presented by the Library approximately 4 or 5 years ago, listing itemized, line-by-line costs for both physical components and operating costs that would not be included in the \$4.75 million plan. Ms. Wyman seconded the motion. Debate ensued." There was no objection to these amendments.

The motion to approve the minutes, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

### **Public Input**

Cope Cumpston, representing the Human Relations Commission, addressed the Committee to request support for the Resolution regarding hate crimes.

Sandy Lewis, representing Mental Health Center of Champaign County, addressed the Committee to thank the City Council for its support of the Times Center. Donors are honored by the presentation of a block that commemorates their participation in Times Center. The City Council was awarded two blocks, each of which was signed by the Board of Directors.

Jim Woodard, 1805 S. Cottage Grove, addressed the Committee in regard to the parking at Sunnycrest Manor and the possibility of a park near the site of the new County Courthouse.

Larry Lister, 707 W. Main Street, addressed the Committee regarding the proposals for Jaques House stating that his first choice of the proposals would be to rebuild.

Chair Kearns read a letter from James Winston, 1306 W. Eureka, regarding two incidents in his neighborhood involving vicious dogs.

Acting Chief of Police Tim Fitzpatrick reviewed the procedures followed for this incidence, and the policy of the Police Department regarding vicious dogs. ACOP Fitzpatrick stated that at present there is no Animal Control Officer but interviews for the position are presently being conducted. In the mean time, the Animal Control Officer from the City of Champaign is assisting us with those incidences.

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Ms. Wyman requested a report including the status of the Animal Control Officer position, as well as the number of vicious dog complaints and how those complaints were handled. Ms. Wyman also requested that staff check with other cities of comparable size and determine how they handle the issue of vicious dogs.

The report on vicious dogs will be included on the agenda of the August 23, 1999 meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Hayes reported that Mr. Clark had noticed people around a neighbor's house trying to rouse the resident to no avail. It was thought she was home because her TV was on and her car was there. The Police were called. The police subsequently entered the house and found the resident overcome by heat. The Police Department and Fire Department aided the resident until the ambulance arrived. With all the bad news being publicized it's good to hear of neighbors helping neighbors. Mr. Hayes congratulated the Police and Fire Departments on their fine service.

**Ord. No. 1999-07-073: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Purchase of Brush Chippers)** and **Res. No. 1999-07-033R: A Resolution Accepting A Bid For Two Drum Style Brush Chippers**

Director of Public Works Bill Gray presented staff report on these agenda items stating that 2 brush chippers were scheduled for replacement in FY96-97 for a total of \$35,190. The estimated useful life of this equipment was 6 years. They were used for another three years, and are now ready to be replaced. At this point, the chippers will cost \$44,300 rather than the \$35,190 budgeted for their purchase 3 years ago.

The difference of \$9,110 has been more than offset by the savings of \$17,598 due to the 3-year deferral.

Bids were opened for the purchase of these chipper on June 15, 1999. Staff is requesting approval of a motion allowing staff to purchase chippers from Vermeer at a total cost of \$44,300 and the approval of the budget amendment for \$9,110 to cover the cost over what was budgeted in FY96-97.

Assistant Public Works Director Glenn Berman, Fleet Manager Larry Fredricks, Operations Manager Jim Kelly, City Arborist Mike Brunk and Comptroller Ron Eldridge answered questions from Committee regarding the purchase of the chippers.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved to forward **Ord. No. 1999-07-073: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Purchase of Brush Chippers)** and **Res. No. 1999-07-033R: A Resolution Accepting A Bid For Two Drum Style Brush Chippers** to the August 9, 1999 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following further debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

**Ord. No. 1999-07-074: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Purchase of Dump Trucks)**

Mr. Gray presented staff report stating that the 6 dump trucks were scheduled to be replaced 2 years ago in FY97-98. The estimated useful life of these trucks is 7 years and have actually lasted 9 years.

The difference in the purchase price (\$522,348 less estimated sales revenue of \$49,988 and less the original budgeted amount of \$396,840 and \$75,520) has more than offset by the savings due to the 2-year deferral. Staff recommends approval.

Operations Manager Jim Kelly, Glenn Berman, Larry Fredrick and Ron Eldridge answered questions from the Committee regarding the purchases of the dump trucks.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved to forward **Ord. No. 1999-07-074: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Purchase of Dump Trucks)** to the August 9, 1999 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

**Ord. No. 1999-07-075: An Ordinance Regarding Unauthorized Parking In Rental Spaces and Ord. No. 1999-07-076: An Ordinance Further Amending Chapter Fourteen Of The Code Of Ordinances Regarding The Schedule Of Fees (Parking in Rental Spaces)**

Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti presented staff report on these ordinances. The issues for consideration at this meeting are the recommended increases to the monthly and hourly rates in the parking deck, the unreserved monthly rentals being limited to the second floor of the deck and whether it is necessary for the reserved rentals to remain so for 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The following rates are recommended:

Hourly: Remain at the current price of \$.25 per hour for the first two hours of use only, then go to \$.50 per hour for all remaining hours of use, up to a maximum of \$5.00 per day.

First Floor Rentals: Increase monthly rate from the current \$60.00 to \$100.00. These spaces (21 total) will continue to be the only reserved spaces in the facility, but will no longer be designated 24-hour rentals.

Unreserved Rentals: Increase monthly rate from the current \$30.00 to \$45.00. These rentals will be designated as second floor use only.

Staff recommends that the rate increases and parking recommendations as proposed become effective October 1, 1999 to allow for some of the other portions of the plan, such as the parking shuttle

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system and public education.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to send **Ord. No. 1999-07-075: An Ordinance Regarding Unauthorized Parking In Rental Spaces** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Patt moved to send **Ord. No. 1999-07-076: An Ordinance Further Amending Chapter Fourteen Of The Code Of Ordinances Regarding The Schedule Of Fees (Parking in Rental Spaces)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

**Ord. No. 1999-07-077: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J Of Section 23-183 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking On Certain Streets (Illinois Street, Michigan Avenue, Mathews Avenue)**

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report on this item. This ordinance is for the removal of the "no parking" restriction on the west side of Mathews from Dublin to Beech, which was done at the request, by petition, of the residents. Another portion of the ordinance adds no parking restrictions to Illinois west of Poplar and Michigan east of Vine.

The Illinois and Poplar location brings the intersection into compliance with the visibility triangle ordinance for intersections with yield traffic control. The Michigan and Vine location alleviates congestion for turning and stopped traffic on the east part of the intersection.

Ms. Wyman moved to send **Ord. No. 1999-07-77: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J Of Section 23-183 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking On Certain Streets (Illinois Street, Michigan Avenue, Mathews Avenue)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

**Ord. No. 1999-07-078: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L Of Section 23-187(b) Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Designating Yellow Curbs (Washington Street)**

Mr. Gray presented staff report on this item stating that this ordinance is for the extension of yellow curb zones to improve visibility at the intersection of Washington and Maple. The yellow curb will be extended 25 feet further to the west and 10 feet further to the east on the south side of Washington.

Ms. Patt moved to forward **Ord. No. 1999-07-078: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L Of Section 23-187(b) Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Designating Yellow Curbs (Washington Street)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

### Request Regarding the Jaques House

Mayor Satterthwaite presented staff report on this item stating that in March, the Council approved an agreement with Robert Spencer to relocate the Jaques House to a location on West Main Street. With the collapse and demolition of the Jaques House, Mr. Spencer is requesting that the City consider a new agreement since the previous agreement needs adjustment.

Mr. Spencer presented two options and requested Council consideration. Mr. Spencer suggested that a replica of the Jaques House be built on the site at 709 West Main Street for which he is requesting \$50,000 in assistance, or he is requesting \$30,000 to clear and restore the Elm Street lot.

Mr. Spencer thanked the City for its help this far. Mr. Spencer presented his proposal to replicate the Jaques house and reviewed his expenses thus far.

Following extensive debate, Ms. Patt moved that the City Council Committee of the Whole request that City staff work with Mr. Spencer to determine the cost of demolition of the Jaques House and the lot because these two expenses would have been incurred by the City had no attempt been made to move the house. Once this cost is determined, we request that our staff present to the Committee a budget amendment for that amount. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

### Closed Session Review

As Chair of the Rules Committee, Mr. Taylor reviewed the closed session minutes that have been viewed by Council previously that range in time from May 1993 through August 1997 and the new minutes of the following dates:

May 3, 1999

June 21, 1999

July 6, 1999

May 24, 1999

All of the new minutes have been prepared and copies are in the City Clerk's office, the Legal Department, and the Mayor's office for Council Member's review.

Mr. Taylor requested that these closed session minutes be forwarded to the City Council meeting of August 16, 1999 and considered at that time. There were no objections to that request.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Kearns declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor, Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was taped.

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

#### **AMENDMENT TO THE JULY 26, 1999 MINUTES**

Ms. Patt noted a correction on page 6, paragraph 3 of the minutes. The word "clearing" should be inserted in the first sentence to read: "Following extensive debate, Ms. Patt moved that the City Council Committee of the Whole request that City staff work with Mr. Spencer to determine the cost of demolition of the Jaques House and the lot Clearing because theses two expenses would have been incurred by the City had no attempt been made to move the house."

Ms. Kearns noted a correction on page 1 under Committee Members Present. The minutes indicate Ms. Wyman was the Chair; however, Mrs. Kearns chaired the meeting.