

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2001 - 7:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Carolyn Kearns (Chair); James H. Hayes, Jr.; Esther Patt; Joseph A. Whelan, Jr.; Ruth Wyman; Laura Huth (7:42)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: John Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Jack Waaler; Eddie Adair; Ronald Eldridge; William Gray; Robert Grewe; Glenn Berman; Richard Rotramel; Michael Loschen; Ella Coleman

OTHERS PRESENT: Ben Thomason; Buzz Alan Langhofer; Robin Cler; Members of the Media

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

There being a quorum, Chair Kearns called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

There were no additions to the agenda.

Mayor Satterthwaite presented Ella Coleman (Transitional Housing Coordinator) with The Peggy Harris Memorial Recognition Award, recognized by the Parkland College Office of Women's Programs and Services. Ms Coleman received this award "*For outstanding service and dedication to her profession and community.*"

Mayor Satterthwaite announced that a joint meeting of the School District, Park District, and City Council is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the District 116 Administration Office located at 205 N. Race Street, Urbana. The topic for discussion will be University expansion and tax base erosion issues that result from University development.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

February 26, 2001 - Mr. Whelan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held February 26, 2001. Ms Patt seconded.

Ms Patt noted a correction to the minutes and moved to delete the second sentence on page 2, which reads, "*Ms Patt suggested that this kind of thing was symbolism and should probably be done during the budget review.*" Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2001 carried by voice vote, as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The following people addressed the Committee in support of amending the Human Relations Ordinance pertaining to convicted violent offenders' rights: Ben Thomason; and Buzz Alan Langhofer, 703 S. Coler Ave.

Robin Cler, 1302 Eastern Drive, did not address the Committee but submitted a Public Input Card requesting that the record show her opposition to the current Human Relations Ordinance and desire that it be worded like the City of Champaign's.

Committee Member Input

Ms Huth reminded the audience and viewing public of the Illinois Power meeting going on now at the City of Champaign's City Building and urged them to attend. This meeting concerns the vegetation management tariff proposed by Illinois Power.

Ms Wyman indicated that she had received a few phone calls from constituents who were very pleased with the nuisance ordinance approved by Council last week.

Mr. Whelan indicated that he would be presenting the issue of amending the Human Rights Ordinance this evening, and requested that this issue be moved to the first part of the agenda. There was no support from other Committee Members to move this item up on the agenda. The agenda stands as presented.

Chair Kearns informed the Committee and public that there is now an information line ran by Champaign County Triad/S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together). This is an information line set up for senior citizens who feel they are victims of a fraud. This organization was established because many senior citizens feel more comfortable talking to a volunteer versus a law enforcement official. The line is manned everyday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *[The phone number for SALT is 367-6670.]*

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-03-018: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES PLEDGED TO THE SINGLE-FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1990**

Ronald Eldridge (Comptroller) presented the staff report.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-03-019: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (FIRE THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA NUMBER 3)**

Richard Rotramel, (Division Chief - UFD) presented the staff report.

Mr. Whelan made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-03-020: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE L OF SECTION 23-187 OF THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE PROHIBITING PARKING IN SPECIFIED PLACES (HARVEY STREET AND GREGORY STREET)**

Glenn Berman, (Manager of Engineering & Administration) presented the staff report.

Mr. Hayes moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-03-021: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24, SECTION 38(c) OF THE URBANA CODE OF ORDINANCES (BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS)**

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report.

Following debate, Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council for approval, with an amendment to the language that more clearly defines the physical appearance and location of a building sewer and the responsibility of the property owner. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda items 9, 10 and 11 were acted upon in omnibus fashion.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2001-02-008R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (LINCOLN AVENUE AND ILLINOIS STREET);**
10. **RESOLUTION NO. 2001-02-009R: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT LINCOLN AVENUE (F.A.U. ROUTE 7177) AND ILLINOIS STREET; and**
11. **RESOLUTION NO. 2001-02-010R: RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (LINCOLN AVENUE AND ILLINOIS STREET**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report. These items were forwarded from the March 5, 2001 Council meeting. It was brought to staff's attention that an additional \$125,000 was put into this project. Staff is corresponding with IDOT officials concerning this issue, and is not prepared to present recommendations at this time. Mr. Gray indicated that he hopes to have answers next week, and requested that this item be sent to Council.

Following debate, Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

12. **HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, SERIES 2001**

These items were presented in omnibus fashion.

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-03-022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND**

**CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND RELATED MATTERS
(ASSISTURBANA, SERIES 2001);**

- b. **RESOLUTION NO. 2001-03-011R: RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION
IN ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER
SINGLE-FAMILY PROGRAM (BELOW MARKET RATE PROGRAM, SERIES 2001);
and**
- c. **RESOLUTION NO. 2001-03-012R: RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION
IN ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER
SINGLE-FAMILY PROGRAM (HELP PROGRAM, SERIES 2001)**

Michael Loschen (Grants Coordinator II) presented the staff report.

Ms Patt made a motion to send these items to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Huth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

13. **DISCUSSION: HUMAN RELATIONS ORDINANCE (PROTECTION WE AFFORD CONVICTED
VIOLENT OFFENDERS' RIGHTS)**

Mr. Whelan presented. Mr. Whelan is requesting that the Council consider amending the current Human Relations Ordinance to match that of the City of Champaign's, word for word.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan made a motion to send to Council for approval. The motion died for lack of a second.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Kearns declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: _____