

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001 - 7:30 P.M.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Esther Patt (Chair); Danielle Chynoweth; Milton Otto; Ruth Wyman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: James H. Hayes, Jr. (excused); Laura Huth (excused); Joseph A. Whelan, Jr. (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Stephen Holz; Eddie Adair; Rex Mundt; William Gray; Glenn Berman; Douglas Miller; Robert Grewe; Libby Tyler; Robert Kowalski; Deann Winn; Michael Metzler; Timothy Fitzpatrick; Patrick Connolly; Ella Coleman

OTHERS PRESENT: Sascha Meinrath; Sehvilla Mann; Sarah Carsey; Ken Shorkey; Tina Gunsales; Members of the Media

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Patt called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:33 p.m.

Chair Patt gave Mayor Satterthwaite the floor.

Mayor Satterthwaite recognized Math Team winners from Urbana High School. (See attached list.) These students have been in Math competitions this school season and have received awards in the following: Parkland ICTM Regional Math Contest held February 24, 2001, National Math Contest/Finalists for AIMS Test, Illinois Wesleyan University Math Contest March 3, 2001, ICTM State Math Contest April 28, 2001 (University of Illinois), Individual Winners at Rose-Hulman University Math Contest November 11, 2000 (Terre Haute, IN), Individual Winners for Mahomet-Seymour Invitational Math Contest February 3, 2001 (1st in the AA Division). They are winners for the **fifth consecutive year**. Congratulations students!

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report.

a. Historic Preservation Presentations

Mayor Satterthwaite acknowledged Robert Kowalski (Senior Planner), who introduced the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Kowalski gave a brief background on the properties receiving acknowledgements this evening and then introduced the Commissioners. Members of the Commission presented a slide presentation of the buildings and gave the historic background for each property.

Mayor Satterthwaite presented the following owners of the buildings with a plaque:

Norman & Carolyn Baxley
Tiernan's Opera Hall/Masonic Temple, 115 W. Main
The Lindley House Bed & Breakfast, 312 W. Green
Busey's Block, 120-124 W. Main
Gothic Revival Cottage, 108 N. Webber

PACA (Preservation and Conservation Association)
Nathan Ricker Home, 612 W. Green

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

April 23, 2001 - Ms Wyman made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Otto seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Sascha Meinrath, 604 S. Race Street, addressed the Committee in opposition to police officers in schools. He read a statement into record (see attached).

The following people also addressed the Committee in opposition to police officers in schools (Urbana High School): Sehvilla Mann, 408 S. Anderson Street; and Sarah Carsey, 906 S. Race Street.

Ken Shorkey, 606 S. Cottage Grove, representing Mommy's Cab and Special Care Transport, addressed the Committee on the topic of taxi business rights and expressed his opposition to Section 26-82 of the City of Urbana's Schedule of Fees. Mr. Shorkey requested that Urbana's schedule be comparable to that of Champaign's.

Committee Member Input

Ms Wyman requested that the issue of rates for taxicabs be placed on the next Committee agenda (May 29, 2001). There were no objections.

5. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 10-YEAR PROJECT LIST UPDATE** [Forwarded from April 23, 2001 meeting]

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report with the assistance of Glenn Berman (Manager of Engineering & Administration) and Douglas Miller (Project Coordinator).

Following debate, Ms Chynoweth moved to defer this item to the next Committee meeting (May 29, 2001). Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 2001-05-014R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TENANT-BASED RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Robert Grewe (Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report.

Ms Wyman requested that a report of the statistical information regarding median income and any restrictions come back to the Committee.

Ms Chynoweth requested additional information concerning the eligibility criteria.

Following debate, Chair Patt asked that staff's report come back to this Committee in one month (June 11, 2001).

Mr. Otto made a motion to send the resolution to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF RULES COMMITTEE**

Chair Patt presented this issue, noting that with a new Council it was time for appointments to the Rules Committee.

Ms Wyman moved to appoint Ms Patt as Chair of the Rules Committee. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Ms Chynoweth moved to appoint Ms Wyman to the Rules Committee. Mr. Otto seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. **BUDGET MARKUP**

On the issue of the School Resource Officer (SRO), the Committee heard comments of support from Tina Gunsales, Board Member/Urbana School District 116.

Eddie Adair (Police Chief) presented the staff report.

Following debate, Chair Patt requested that the following information be brought back to the Committee: 1) A report on the number of arrests as a result of reported incidents at the school; 2) A report of calls made to the school and indicate if they resulted in an arrest; and 3) A breakdown by gender and race.

Deann Winn (Urbana Police Department/School Resource Officer) addressed the Committee with responses to questions and a description of the function of her position as SRO.

Ms Chynoweth requested that Chief Adair come back with a report on the types of criminal activities that take place at the school on a given day and how many involved arrests.

9. **CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. **Pending Litigation;** and
- b. **Establish Fee for Vacation of Right-Of-Way**

Ms Wyman made a motion that the Committee enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and establishing a fee for

the vacation of right-of-way. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye
Otto - Aye

Patt - Aye
Wyman - Aye

The motion to enter into closed session carried by roll call vote (4-aye:0-nay)

The Committee entered into closed session at 10:35 p.m.

The Committee resumed its regular session at 11:37 p.m., with the following members present: Chair Patt, Chynoweth, Otto, and Wyman.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

With regard to budget markup, Chair Patt asked that Committee Members e-mail Mr. Walden concerning the topic they would like to have addressed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Patt declared the meeting adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

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