

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2001 - 7:30 P.M.

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

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Milton Otto (Chair); James H. Hayes, Jr.; Esther Patt; Joseph A. Whelan, Jr.; Ruth Wyman; Danielle Chynoweth (7:45)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Laura Huth (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Stephen Holz; Eddie Adair; William Gray; William DeJarnette; Elizabeth Tyler; Patrick Pioletti; Benjamin Fisher; Timothy Ross; Rodney Fletcher; Tom Vlahovich

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pam Voitek; Gary Biehl; Tom Roth; Bob Cook; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Otto 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.

There was no staff report.

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

**October 22, 2001** - Ms Patt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held October 22, 2001. Ms Wyman seconded.

Ms Patt noted a correction on page 1 of the minutes. In the absence of Mr. Whelan, Mr. Otto was the Chair. The minutes, however, stated "Chair Chynoweth" called the meeting to order. Ms Patt requested that the minutes be corrected to read, "There being a quorum, Chair Otto called the meeting to order..." There were no objections.

The motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2001 carried by voice vote, as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The only public input card received at this time was from Mr. Tom Roth, who requested to hold his comments until the item he wanted to address was presented. There were no objections.

**Committee Member Input**

There was none.

5. **REQUEST FROM UNIVERSITY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "UNIVERSITY DISTRICT"**

Patrick Pioletti (Acting Assistant Public Works Director) presented the staff report. He introduced University of Illinois staff Pam Voitik (Assistant Vice Chancellor) and Gary Biehl (Management Engineer Operation & Maintenance Administration). This area has a high density of pedestrians at any given time. They explained the purpose for establishing a University District is to: 1) welcome people to the area and let them know they are on the University campus; and 2) make people aware that they are in a different area than the rest of the population.

Following debate, Ms Patt moved to approve the establishment of a "University District". Mr. Hayes seconded.

Following further debate, Mr. Whelan requested a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Whelan - Nay
Otto - Aye	Wyman - Aye

The motion to approve carried with a roll call vote of 5-aye:1-nay.

6. **GIS IMPLEMENTATION DISCUSSION**

Bruce Walden presented the staff report and then turned the presentation over to staff members William Dejarnette (Information Services Manager), Ben Fisher (Engineering Technician), and Timothy Ross (Planner). A handout describing the GIS implementation process was distributed to Committee Members. This presentation should be available on the City of Urbana website by tomorrow. (See attached.)

7. **COMMERCIAL RECYCLING STATUS REPORT**

Rodney Fletcher (Environmental Control Manager) presented the staff report. Tom Vlahovich (Environmental Aide) assisted. Staff reviewed information that was requested by Committee Members at the October 8, 2001 meeting. (See attached.) No action by Committee is warranted at this time.

8. **UPDATE: LOUD MUSIC/SPECIAL EVENTS**

Mayor Satterthwaite presented the staff report. Eddie Adair (Police Chief) and Stephen Holz (Assistant City Attorney) responded to questions concerning police enforcement and how to handle special events. Once a complaint or violation has been made, police can "shut down" the activity. The language of the ordinance, however, needs to be specific concerning special events.

Following much debate, Ms Patt made a motion to have staff come back with language for special events. Ms Wyman seconded.

Mr. Hayes moved to amend the motion to include the hours of loud music (i.e., 9:00 p.m. on weekdays; 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays). Ms Wyman seconded.

*(Point of Record: Mr. Whelan left the meeting at 9:30 p.m., thereby leaving the attendance by members at 5: Chynoweth, Hayes, Otto, Patt, and Wyman.)*

Following debate, the motion to amend carried by voice vote. The main motion now on the floor, also carried by voice vote, as amended.

This item will be placed on the agenda for the first Committee meeting scheduled in January 2002.

9. **REPORT ON NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED FOR LOUD VEHICLES**

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Ms Huth. As a result of her absence this evening, Chair Otto suggested deferring this issue. There were no objections. This item will also come back in January.

10. **DISCUSSION OF HATE CRIMES**

**Public Input:** Bob Cook, 210 N. Central, addressed the Committee in opposition to hate crimes, and expressed a need for more public discussions on what hate crimes are.

Chief Adair reported that the Police Department had received a total number of 7 hate crime related complaints (1 Black; 1 White; and 5 phone threats to The Mosque).

Ms Chynoweth read a definition of hate crimes. She also addressed hate crime events that have taken place recently. Debate ensued.

No action was taken.

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-11-142: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM RECIPIENT AGREEMENT (HOMESTEAD CORPORATION RENTAL PROJECT FY 2001-2002)**

**Public Input:** Tom Roth, 2103 Bristol Road (Champaign), elected not to address the Committee, but submitted a public input card for the record stating his position in support of Ordinance No. 2001-11-142.

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

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

12. **CHAMPAIGN COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY DRAFT 5-YEAR PLAN**

Elawrence Davis (Executive Director/Champaign County Housing Authority) presented this report to the Committee. The timeline for this issue includes public review and a number of public hearings. If there is to be some consideration for the redevelopment of Dunbar Court and Lakeside Terrace, the timeline is to get the information out to the public by November 30<sup>th</sup> and to HUD by January 15, 2002.

Following debate, Mr. Davis explained that the only action necessary at this time, concerning the 5-Year Plan, is for him to prepare a draft to be placed on the Committee's January agenda.

In light of the Council's holiday meeting schedule and the timeframe necessary to meet HUD's January 15, 2002 deadline, Chair Otto suggested adding this item to the December 10<sup>th</sup> Committee agenda for discussion and then move it to the January 7, 2002 Council meeting for approval. There were no objections.

13. **CLOSED SESSION: PENDING LITIGATION**

Ms Wyman made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Ms Chynoweth seconded. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Otto - Aye	

The motion carried by roll call vote (5-aye:0-nay).

The Committee went into closed session at 11:02 p.m.

The Committee resumed its regular session at 11:23 p.m.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Otto declared the meeting adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

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Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: December 10, 2001