

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 25, 2002

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Laura Huth, Danielle Chynoweth, Milton Otto (Chair), Esther Patt, and Ruth Wyman - 6.

Committee Members Absent:

Joseph Whelan – 1 (excused).

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Adair, Bill Gray, Bob Grewe, Mike Loschen, Doug Miller, Libby Tyler, Jack Waaler and Bruce Walden

Others Present:

Rosemary Braun, Cope Cumpston, Belden Fields, Mary Kruse, Mike Lehman, Daniel Lewart, Nancy Loch, Carolyn Mullally, Barbara Peacock, Jennifer Putman, Deborah Rugg, Nancy Dietrich-Rybicki, Russ Dietrich-Rybicki and Members of the Media.

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Otto called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2002 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

The following people addressed the Committee in support of **Resolution No. 2002-03-009R: Living Wage Resolution:**

Cope Cumpston, 402 W. Nevada, Urbana
Belden Fields, 206 W. Pennsylvania, Urbana
Mike Lehman, 608 E. Green Street, Urbana
Jennifer Putman, 402 W. Delaware Avenue, Urbana
Deborah Rugg, 610 W. Florida, Urbana

The following people did not speak but wanted to go on record in support of the Living Wage Resolution:

Rosemary Braun, 410 W. High, Urbana
Mary Kruse, 2210 Combes Street, Urbana
Daniel Lewart, 310 N. Busey Avenue, #4, Urbana
Nancy Loch, 1206A South Vine Street, Urbana
Carolyn Mullally, Living Wage Association
Nancy Dietrich-Rybicki, 2803 Myra Ridge Drive, Urbana
Russ Dietrich-Rybicki, 2803 Myra Ridge Drive, Urbana

Barbara Peacock, 509 Illinois Street, Urbana, addressed the Committee in opposition to **Ordinance No. 2002-03-031: An Ordinance Amending the Liquor Code (Hours of Operation).**

Capital Improvement Plan Presentation

Public Works Director Bill Gray and Engineering Project Coordinator Doug Miller presented staff report. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is updated yearly in accordance with Section 3 of Resolution No. 8788-R14. This resolution also outlines funding policies for projects. Base information (ten-year project list, cash flow projections, street ratings, cost estimates, new projects, maps, etc.) has been updated and is included in the CIP. Also included in the CIP is a map showing proposed 2002 projects. (Copy of 2002 Capital Improvement Plan Update March 14, 2002 attached.) Staff recommends that a resolution be adopted approving the revised Capital Improvement Plan for this year.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to forward the **Capital Improvement Plan** to the May 13, 2002 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Chair Otto recognized Ms. Wyman for the purpose of making a unanimous consent request

regarding the agenda.

Ms. Wyman requested to move Item No. 15. **Resolution No. 2002-03-009R: Living Wage Resolution** to item 5a. There was no opposition.

Resolution No. 2002-03-009R: Living Wage Resolution

Chair Otto introduced the resolution. The Champaign Living Wage Association requested that Chair Otto introduce the resolution to City Council. It is vitally important to the community that public institutions pay an honest wage for an honest day's labor. The living wage is \$8.49 an hour, which is a basic wage that will allow a family of four to stay out of poverty.

Chair Otto moved to forward this resolution to City Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Following statements of support from Committee Members, the motion to forward **Resolution No. 2002-03-009R: Living Wage Resolution** to Council for approval carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-03-028: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Certain Documents in Connection Therewith; and Related Matters (AssistUrbana, Series 2002)

Grants Management Manager Bob Grewe presented staff report on this Ordinance. In recent years, Urbana has used its private activity bond allocation rather than allow it to be recaptured by the State. City Council has used its allocation to assist first-time homebuyers through provision of grants for down payments and closing costs. *AssistUrbana* currently provides 30-year fixed rate FHA/VA mortgage loans at 7.70% interest and conventional loans at 7.295% interest through Busey Bank, BankIllinois, BankOne, National City Bank, Union Planters Bank and University of Illinois Credit Union. The program also provides non-repayable, non-taxable grants for down payment and closing costs of up to 4.25% of the home mortgage amount.

In order to qualify for the *AssistUrbana* Program, families need to meet household income and purchase price limits. Although the program is available citywide, the Internal Revenue Service has designated program target areas. Households purchasing within the target areas need not be first-time homebuyers.

Staff recommends ceding 75% (\$2,047,218) of the City's bond cap allocation to the *AssistUrbana* Program.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-03-028: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Certain Documents in Connection Therewith; and Related Matters (Assist Urbana, Series 2002)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Resolution Approving Participation in the Illinois Housing Development Authority First-Time Home Buyer Single-Family Program

Mr. Grewe presented staff report. The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) has developed a financing program for first-time homebuyers that will provide 30-year mortgages fixed at 1% below the market rate. The homebuyer is also eligible for \$1,000 in closing cost assistance for an additional 0.25% increase in the interest rate. All IHDA approved lenders are eligible to participate in the program. Homebuyers must meet the same income and purchase price guidelines as the *AssistUrbana* Program.

Staff recommends ceding 25% (\$682,406) of the City's bond cap allocation to the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Below Market Rate Program.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to forward **Resolution Approving Participation in the Illinois Housing Development Authority First-Time Home Buyer Single-Family Program** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-03-026: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (North Urbana Redevelopment Planning Grant)

Community Development Director Libby Tyler was present to answer questions regarding this ordinance. There being no questions regarding this ordinance, Ms. Wyman moved to send **Ordinance No. 2002-03-026: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (North Urbana Redevelopment Planning Grant)** to council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Motion Directing City Clerk to Publish Notice (Beringer Commons Involuntary Annexations)

There being no questions from Committee, Ms. Wyman moved that the **City Clerk be directed to cause a notice to be published in New-Gazette newspaper ads advising that annexation of unincorporated territory, which is presently wholly surrounded by the City of Urbana and located within Beringer Commons Subdivision is under contemplation by this Council.** The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-03-027: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement "Cost-Sharing Agreement" (Consulting Services Respecting Clean Water Act)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. Federal regulations adopted under the Clean Water Act require the City to submit a Notice of Intent (NOT) and Action Plan for compliance with the Nationwide Pollution Discharge Elimination Permits (NPDES) by March 10, 2003. This permit is intended to control storm water pollution from "non-point" sources, specifically from storm water runoff from streets, parking lots, industrial sites, construction sites, and other developed areas.

Since the entire Champaign Urbana area is required to respond, it was decided to ask all Interested agencies to jointly pool resources and hire a consultant to help the respective agencies to produce a "notice of Intent." The agencies participating are Champaign, Urbana, Rantoul, Savoy, University of Illinois and Champaign County. A technical committee was formed that has assembled this intergovernmental agreement for Committee consideration. Staff recommends approval of the ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Cost Sharing Agreement.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved that **Ordinance No. 2002-03-027: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement "Cost-Sharing Agreement" (Consulting Services Respecting Clean Water Act)** be forwarded to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman.

Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2002-03-007R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (High Cross Road/Windsor Road)

There being no questions regarding this resolution, Ms. Wyman moved to send **Resolution No. 2002-03-007R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (High Cross Road/Windsor Road)** to Council with recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2002-03-008R: A Resolution Providing for the Improvement of High Cross Road (Illinois Route 130) and Windsor Road

There being no questions regarding this resolution, Ms. Wyman moved to send **Resolution No. 2002-03-008R: A Resolution Providing for the Improvement of High Cross Road (Illinois Route 130) and Windsor Road** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-03-029: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (High Cross Road/ Windsor Road)

There being no discussion regarding this ordinance, Mr. Hayes moved to send the ordinance to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-03-030: An Ordinance Regulating Encroachment of Public Right-of-Way in the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois (High Cross Road/Windsor Road)

There being no discussion on this ordinance, Ms. Wyman moved to send the ordinance to Council

for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, the motion to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-03-030: An Ordinance Regulating Encroachment of Public Right-of-Way in the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois (High Cross Road/Windsor Road)** to Council for approval carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-03-031: An Ordinance Amending the Liquor Code (Hours of Operation)

Chair Otto stated that this ordinance provides for uniform hours of operation all seven days of the week.

Chair Otto moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-03-031: An Ordinance Amending the Liquor Code (Hours of Operation)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that Friday, March 29, 2002 is a city holiday and City Offices will be closed on Friday.

Closed Session: Property Acquisition and Pending Litigation

Ms. Patt moved that the City Council Committee go into **Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Property Acquisition and Pending Litigation**. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Committee Members: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Patt, Otto and Wyman – 6; voting nay: none.

The Committee entered into closed session at 9:24 p.m. and reconvened at 10:21 p.m. with all members previously in attendance still present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Otto declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

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Minutes approved: April 8, 2002, as written