

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 8, 2002

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes (arrived at 7:33 p.m.) Laura Huth, Danielle Chynoweth, Milton Otto, Esther Patt (Chair), and Ruth Wyman - 6.

Committee Members Absent:

Joseph Whelan – 1 (excused).

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Adair, Ron Eldridge, Rod Fletcher, Bill Gray, Bob Grewe, Mike Loschen, Karen Rasmussen, Delora Siebrecht, Libby Tyler, Jack Waaler and Bruce Walden.

Others Present:

Rick Prince, Robert Dunn, and Members of the Media.

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Patt called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Wyman moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2002 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Otto and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Rick Prince, representing AFSCME Council 31, addressed the Committee in support of Resolution

No: 2002-04-021R: Resolution for Zeller Mental Health Center (AFSCME Council 31).

Robert Dunn, representing Democratic Solidarity Committee, addressed the Committee on the topic "Divest from Israel."

Resolution No. 2002-04-12R: Resolution for Zeller Mental Health Center (AFSCME Council 31).

Mr. Otto reported on this resolution. AFSCME Council 31 is asking the City of Urbana and other communities in the area to pass this resolution in support of keeping the Zeller Mental Health Center in Peoria open. Governor Ryan's plan to close this very important facility would decimate the help the mentally ill and their families in area so desperately need.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to send **Resolution No. 2002-04-12R: Resolution for Zeller Mental Health Center (AFSCME Council 31)**, with the deletion of the fourth "WHEREAS" which states "WHEREAS many of the individuals served by Zeller Mental Health Center have exhibited violent and/or suicidal behavior, and/or have engaged in other criminal activity, and many thereby cause harm to themselves or others, or to property; and" and the seventh WHEREAS, which states "WHEREAS some of those individuals lacking proper treatment may cause harm to themselves or other citizens." to Council with the recommendation of approval. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2002-04-021R: A Resolution Approving the City of Urbana and Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County HOME Consortium FY 2002-2003 Annual Action Plan

Grants Management Manager Bob Grewe presented staff report. The Annual Action Plan is a consolidated planning document describing the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds received by Urbana and the Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County HOME Consortium. This Plan must be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 45 days prior to July 1, 2002. This results in a May 17, 2002 deadline for submittal to HUD's Chicago Office. (See copy of April 3, 2002 memo from Elizabeth H. Tyler, AICP, City Planner/Director to Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Officer, Subject: Approval of the FY 2002-2003 Annual Action Plan (A Resolution Approving the City of Urbana and Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County HOME Consortium FY 2002-2003 Annual Action Plan).

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to forward **Resolution No. 2002-04-021R: A Resolution Approving the City of Urbana and Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County HOME Consortium FY 2002-2003 Annual Action Plan** to the next committee meeting on April 22, 2002, with a change on the Resolution on page 3, Section 3, to move the second bullet, Neighborhood Organization Grant Program VII to Section 4 on page 4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Following further debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Social Service Funding: Discussion of Schedule for Agency Presentations

Chair Patt stated that she requested this item be put on the agenda. Chair Patt made the following

suggestions: 1. Two nights of sessions rather than one; 2. Start at 6:00 p.m.; 3. Council review applications and only ask those agencies to make presentations that Council Members choose.

Following debate, it was decided to request staff to schedule appointments for any agency who has never applied before, any agency that applied but did not receive funding, any agency that received money but did not use it and is applying again, and agency designated by Council Members. The deadline for Council Members to notify Karen Rasmussen to schedule an appointment with these agencies is May 6, 2002 for interviews on May 15, 2002.

Ordinance No. 2002-04-035: An Ordinance Amending the Authorization for the Acceptance of Payment by Credit Card

Comptroller Ron Eldridge and Finance Office Manager Delora Siebrecht presented staff report. Currently the ordinance providing for credit card limits their use to the payment of fines only. The use of credit, debit and bankcards as a normal mode of payment has significantly increased over the past few years. For the City to provide up-to-date service, we should accept credit/debit cards as payment for all of our services.

The current ordinance specified the name of the bank the City has contracted to process credit card payments. Changing the ordinance to permit the Comptroller to enter into agreements with financial institutions for credit card processing will allow the City to negotiate the best service costs.

Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-04-035: An Ordinance Amending the Authorization for the Acceptance of Payment by Credit Card** to Council with a recommendation of approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-04-038: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois Regarding the Schedule of Fees (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003)

Mr. Eldridge stated that every year about this time the adjustments to the fee schedule for the City are presented to Council. The request of the Committee tonight is put this schedule of fees on file in the City Clerk's office for 30 days. There is a notice published in the News-Gazette that would allow citizens to have input.

Following debate, the Committee requested that clarification of the rental fees for the Civic Center

be placed in next week's Council packet.

Ms. Wyman moved to place the schedule of fees on file in the City Clerk's office for a period of 30 days and be presented for Council approval at the May 13, 2002 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried by a voice vote.

Discussion of Recycling Tax Fees

Public Works Director Bill Gray and Environmental Manager Rod Fletcher presented staff report. The issue before Committee tonight is recycling tax adjustments. It is being recommended that the residential recycling tax which is currently \$2.00 per month per household be raised to \$2.25 per month or \$27.00 per year; the multifamily tax which is currently \$2.50 per month is recommended to be decreased to \$2.25 per month so that the fees for residential and multifamily recycling are the same. It is recommended that the tax for dormitory dwelling units would increase from \$1.45 to a \$1.75. Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to forward **An Ordinance Amending Chapters Fourteen and Twenty-Two of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois Regulating Recycling Taxes (Residential, Dormitory, and Multifamily Dwellings)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth.

Following debate, Mr. Otto moved to amend section 5 of the ordinance to eliminate the change in paragraph 4 of the schedule of fees which would raise the residential dwelling unit tax from \$2.00 a month to \$2.25 a month. The motion died for lack of a second.

The motion to forward **An Ordinance Amending Chapters Fourteen and Twenty-Two of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois Regulating Recycling Taxes (Residential, Dormitory, and Multifamily Dwellings)** carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-04-036: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of University Avenue

Mr. Gray stated that this involves vacation of street right-of-way for a portion of the north side of University Avenue west of Cunningham Avenue along the frontage of the University Auto Park complex. The portion of the University Avenue right-of-way to be vacated is not currently in use as a traveled way. No fiscal impacts would occur. Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-04-036: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of University Avenue** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-04-037: An Ordinance Approving Amendment to Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District Master Sewer Agreement With Municipalities of Champaign, Savoy and Urbana (Bondville)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. For the first time since the 1992 agreement with Champaign, Savoy and the Sanitary District, we are looking at expanding the district boundaries. Bondville has been struggling with the fact that they are on septic systems and incorporating a public sewer of some kind. The most feasible option for Bondville is to have public sewer system and a pump station and pump their sewage to the southwest treatment plant on Windsor Road about a mile west of Staley. (Information

regarding the Agreements attached in March 28, 2002 memo from Bill Gray and Jack Waaler to Bruce Walden entitled Bondville Sanitary Sewer Connection).

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to send **Ordinance No. 2002-04-037: An Ordinance Approving Amendment to Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District Master Sewer Agreement With Municipalities of Champaign, Savoy and Urbana (Bondville)** to Council with recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Closed Session

Ms. Chynoweth moved to enter into closed session for the purpose discussing **Establishing Fees for Vacation of Right-Of-Way** and **Appointment, Employment and Compensation of Specific Employees of the City**. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt and Wyman – 6; voting nay: none.

The Committee entered into closed session at 9:08 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Patt declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: April 22, 2002, as amended

AMENDMENT TO APRIL 8, 2002 MINUTES

Ms. Patt requested to amend page 3, paragraph 2, to remove the sentence "Mr. Otto reported on this resolution." There were no objections.