

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
JULY 22, 2002
7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Danielle Chynoweth, James H. Hayes, Jr., Laura Huth, Milton Otto, Esther Patt,
Joseph A. Whelan, Jr., and Ruth Wyman

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Michaela Bell, Phyllis Clark, William Gray, James Page, Elizabeth Tyler, and Mayor Satterthwaite

Others Present:

Andrea Antulov, Leslie Johnson, Jeff Grady, and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois.

There being a quorum, Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Patt moved to approve the July 8, 2002 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Andrea Antulov, 810 North Busey, addressed the Committee in support of the City establishing ordinances for inspections of rental property.

Leslie Johnson, 809 North Coler Avenue, addressed the Committee regarding the safety of her neighborhood.

Jeff Grady, 1101 North Busey, addressed the Committee regarding a house in his neighborhood, police calls to that house and the safety of his family.

Ordinance No. 2002-07-073: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (2606 Arlene Drive / Jerry Hess, Jr.) and Ordinance No. 2002-07-074: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (1304 Carroll Avenue / Doug Price)

Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler presented staff report. The Hess Annexation Agreement for 2606 Arlene Drive was signed on August 29, 2001 for the purpose of permitting an "emergency" sewer connection to the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District (UCSD). The property is not currently located adjacent to the corporate limits but is within the mile-and-a-half extraterritorial jurisdictional area. Under the intergovernmental agreement with the UCSD, any property owner outside the corporate limits wishing to connect to sanitary sewer service and annex to the UCSD must also agree to annex to the City of Urbana at such time as their property is contiguous. The Annexation Agreement for 1304 Carroll Avenue was signed on June 13, 2002 for the same purpose. A public hearing will be held August 15, 2002 to consider these two annexation agreements.

Following debate, Ms. Chynoweth moved by omnibus motion to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-07-073: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (2606 Arlene Drive / Jerry Hess, Jr.) and Ordinance No. 2002-07-074: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement (1304 Carroll Avenue / Doug Price)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-07-076: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking At All Times on Certain Streets (Myra Ridge Drive and Amber Lane) and Ordinance No. 2002-07-077: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L of Section 23-187 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking in Specified Places (Briarcliff Drive)

Director of Public Works Bill Gray presented staff report. Ordinance No. 2002-07-076 prohibits parking at all times on the south side of Amber Lane from Philo Road to Stone Creek Boulevard and on the east side of Myra Ridge from Windsor Road to Amber Lane. Ordinance No. 2002-07-077 is for painting of yellow curb on the north side of Briarcliff Drive to the east of Kingston Drive. This yellow zone is being installed to provide better visibility for approaching traffic on Briarcliff Drive looking around the curve east of Kingston Drive.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved by omnibus motion to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-07-076: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking At All Times on Certain Streets (Myra Ridge Drive and Amber Lane) and Ordinance No.**

2002-07-077: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L of Section 23-187 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking in Specified Places (Briarcliff Drive) to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2002-07-024R: A Resolution Regarding Emergency Use of Urbana Tourist Information Radio Station and **Resolution No. 2002-07-025R: A Resolution of Intent to Operate Tourist Information Radio Station**

Mr. Gray presented staff report. After the tornado struck Urbana in April of 1996, the City received a FEMA grant to cover our emergency response and clean up costs. The City also received funding to upgrade our entire emergency warning system which included the installation of a local AM radio station that could be used to broadcast emergency and non-emergency messages throughout Urbana and most of Champaign. This station currently broadcasts NOAA weather reports. Staff believes it is desirable to broadcast community/tourism information in an effort to expand this radio station's capabilities during non-emergency events.

Staff recommends approval of these two resolutions.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved by omnibus motion to forward **Resolution No. 2002-07-024R: A Resolution Regarding Emergency Use of Urbana Tourist Information Radio Station** and **Resolution No. 2002-07-025R: A Resolution of Intent to Operate Tourist Information Radio Station** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Renaming Certain Streets (Vance Road)

The redesign of the new intersection at north Cunningham Avenue and east O'Brien Drive has required the east Anthony Drive frontage road, east and west of north Cunningham Avenue to be rerouted and intersect with east O'Brien. METCAD is recommending that the Anthony Drive frontage road, east of north Cunningham Avenue be renamed to avoid confusion.

It is suggested that the name be changed to Vance Road to honor state legislature John W. Vance. In 1833 Mr. Vance introduced a bill that created Champaign County out of the west half of Vermillion County and specified that Urbana would be the County Seat.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to forward **An Ordinance Renaming Certain Streets (Vance Road)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Otto and carried by a voice vote.

West Urbana Pavement Marking Revision (Green Street)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. At the July 9, 2001 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the City Council approved a street markings program in parts of the City. The markings were installed by Public Works crews and have been effective in allowing residents ingress/egress to their driveways.

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It has come to the attention of the Public Works Department that similar conditions of very high parking use and encroachment on driveways has occurred on Green Street, between Busey Avenue and Coler Avenue. Staff recommends that the Committee of the Whole approve, by motion that this additional parking pavement marking work.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to approve the additional parking pavement marking work. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Discussion: Historic Preservation

Ms. Patt stated that this is on the agenda in order to discuss the City of Urbana Historic Preservation Ordinance requirement that "A Certificate of Appropriateness is required for any alteration, relocation, construction, removal or demolition that affects the exterior architectural appearance of any landmark or any building, structure, site or object within a historic district regardless of whether a building permit is required for such action." (Section XII-5 of the Zoning Ordinance.)

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved that the Urbana City Council Committee of the Whole request that the Urbana Historic Preservation Commission review the Certificate of Appropriateness requirements in the Historic Preservation Ordinance and the merit of applying these requirements to non-contributing properties in the historic district. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee; Chair Hayes declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED: AUGUST 12, 2002