

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOVEMBER 25, 2002
7:30 P.M.**

Committee Members Present:

Danielle Chynoweth, James H. Hayes, Jr. (Chair), Laura Huth, Milton Otto, Esther Patt, and Joseph A. Whelan

Committee Members Absent:

Ruth Wyman (excused)

Staff Members Present:

Police Chief Adair, Deputy City Clerk Deborah Roberts, Comptroller Ronald Eldridge, Planning Manager Rob Kowalski, Public Works Director William Gray, Grants Coordinator II Karen Rasmussen, Office Manager Delora Siebrecht, Community Development Director Elizabeth Tyler, City Attorney Jack Waaler, Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden, and Mayor Tod Satterthwaite

Others Present:

John Farney 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 7:34 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mayor Satterthwaite requested to add **Closed Session for the Compensation and Employment for Certain Individuals** at the end of the agenda. There were no objections.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Patt moved to approve the October 28, 2002 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

John Farney, 2504 East Florida, addressed the Committee regarding the street conditions in Savannah Green Subdivision.

Resolution No. 2002-11-030R: Resolution Appointing the Personnel Manager Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Comptroller Ronald Eldridge presented the resolution for Committee consideration. Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to forward **Resolution No. 2002-11-030R: Resolution Appointing the Personnel Manager Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2002-11-131: An Ordinance to Impound Vehicles With Unpaid Parking Fines

Office Manager Delora Siebrecht reviewed the ordinance. Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-11-131: An Ordinance to Impound Vehicles With Unpaid Parking Fines** to Council for approval with the addition of subsection c.4 under Section 1.C to provide for towing after drivers license has been suspended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried by a voice vote.

Discussion: Pertaining to the B-1, Neighborhood Business District

Planning Manager Rob Kowalski presented staff report. This report offers a more detailed analysis of the existing B-1 zoned properties in Urbana; examines all the existing Urbana Zoning Ordinance regulations pertaining to the B-1, Neighborhood Business Zoning District and offers conceptual ideas for amendments to the district that could be considered in order to achieve the goal of compatibility with adjacent residential uses.

Existing B-1 zoning is distributed throughout the City. In some cases, the property is located in an older neighborhood. In other areas, B-1 zoned property is located in areas not adjacent to residential uses. In other cases, B-1 zone property is located within a neighborhood where significant automobile traffic is not prevalent; in other cases B-1 property is focused on automobile traffic because it is located at the corner of two significant arterial roadways.

Proposed changes to B-1 zoning should consider both potential redevelopment of existing parcels and the potential creation of new parcels in the City.

Discussion centered on the amendments which could be considered for the existing B-1 Neighborhood Zoning District.

No action was required on this discussion.

Discussion: Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness

Grants Coordinator II Karen Rasmussen presented staff report. On a national level, the United States Congress has mandated that continuums of care offering assistance to homeless persons implement a plan by October 1, 2004, to reduce the numbers of chronically homeless persons in the regions.

The Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care receives more than \$600,000 annually through several Supportive Housing Program grants; HUD monies are also received in this county through Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS and Emergency Shelter Grants.

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Because this 10-year plan will impact all of Champaign County, it is helpful for the broader community to recognize its importance. The U-C Continuum is seeking stakeholders to assist in development of this plan from among the business community, local job councils, academe, major employers, the faith-based community and civic leaders.

The Urbana City Council will have to approve the 10-year plan and adopt it for action before it can be submitted to HUD. It would be helpful for the Mayor to appoint a Council liaison or to have a council member sit in on the development of this plan.

Discussion followed regarding the number of homeless and the amount of housing available locally for those people and the development of a plan to end chronic homelessness.

No Action was required on this item.

Release of Closed Sessions Minutes

As Chair of the Rules Committee, Ms. Patt presented the following minutes to be considered for release:

November 13, 2001
January 22, 2002
April 8, 2002
May 28, 2002
June 10, 2002

The need for confidentiality still exists for the following minutes:

May 24, 1993	(collective bargaining)
March 7, 1994	(collective bargaining)
March 4, 1996	(collective bargaining)
June 24, 1996	(collective bargaining)
August 25, 1997	(collective bargaining) (partial)
May 12, 1997	(collective bargaining)
August 24, 1998	(litigation)
September 14, 1998	(litigation)
March 27, 2000	(litigation)
September 10, 2001	(litigation)
September 18, 2001	(collective bargaining)
March 25, 2002	(litigation)

Ms. Patt moved to forward the closed session minutes for the following meetings to Council for approval of release:

November 13, 2001
January 22, 2002
April 8, 2002
May 28, 2002
June 10, 2002

The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried by a voice vote.

Closed Session: Compensation and Employment of Certain Individuals

Mr. Otto moved to enter into **Closed Session for the Purpose of Considering Compensation and Employment of Certain Individuals**. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Committee Members: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, and Whelan – 6; voting nay: none.

The Committee entered into closed session at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 11:02 p.m. with all members previously in attendance still present.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee; Chair Hayes declared the meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED: December 9, 2002