

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 14, 2003 - 7:30 P.M.

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

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Milton Otto; Joseph A. Whelan, Jr. (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Stephen Holz; Eddie Adair; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Ronald Eldridge; Robert Grewe; Delora Siebrecht; Robert Kowalski; Rodney Fletcher

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Wilson; Alice Engleboretsen; Scott Dossett; Scott E. Wyatt; Steve Dilger; Frank Veach; Linda Wild; David Kovacic; Peggy Kovacic; Marcus Harris; Sharon Frank; Margaret Miller; Dr. David Novak; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Hayes called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Satterthwaite informed the Committee that Mr. Whelan had phoned him earlier and said he would be unable to attend the meeting tonight and requested that his absence be recorded as "excused". There were no objections.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

Mayor Satterthwaite requested to add "Economic Development Corporation Marketing Committee" to the agenda. There were no objections. This issue will appear as item #14 on the record.

Chair Hayes indicated that he had received a request to change the order of the agenda to move item #13 ("A Request to Convert Brick Sidewalks to Concrete Sidewalks in a Major Brick Walk Block") as the first item of business following Public Input. There were no objections.

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

March 24, 2003 - Ms Patt made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 24, 2003. Ms Wyman seconded.

Ms Wyman noted an error in the minutes at the bottom of page 4 with the paragraph beginning "Mayor Satterthwaite stated...", and requested it be corrected to read: "*Mayor Satterthwaite stated that this is a clean-up that deals with cases which are ongoing when a commissioner's term expires. If a commissioner's term expires while said commissioner is involved in the hearing of a case, the commissioner will remain to hear the case until the case is closed. The new commissioner will be seated, but not hear the case.*" Ms Patt accepted the amendment. There were no objections.

The motion to approve the minutes carried by voice vote, as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Paul Thornhill, 902 S. Vine, addressed the Committee with his concerns about the proposed improvements to Washington and Vine Streets. Mr. Thornhill is currently in a contract to purchase the house on the southeast corner and raised concerns about the methodology that was used to assess the value of the property. He is interested in finding a way to impose a better assessment of the value of the land.

Helen Katz, 901 N. Gregory, addressed the Committee in support of a rehab housing grant for the UCAN Association to rehab another house. She purchased the first house they rehabbed.

Bob Leach, representing UCAN, addressed the Committee in a plea for grant funds to rehab another house. Due to the large sum of funding requested by UCAN, City staff and the Community Development Commission did not recommend their proposal. UCAN's grant request was in the amount of \$33,500 to be used with \$34,061 received from the sale of 901 N. Gregory, and a \$30,000 grant they received from the City last year. With a current bank of \$64,000, Mayor Satterthwaite suggested they (UCAN) consider a proposal where they would get a mortgage on the house and could also cover rehab costs.

Gabe Omo-Osagie, 2409 W. High Cross, addressed the Committee with his views on the City's recent passage of a resolution against the war in Iraq and, being from a third world, expressed his opinions of what the Iraqis are feeling as a result of these types of efforts.

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to the request to convert brick sidewalks to concrete:

Mike Wilson, 408 E. High St.;
Alice Engleboretsen, 501 E. California, representing Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association; and
Scott Dossett, 501 E. High St.

The following people did not address the Committee, but wanted the record to show their opposition to the request to convert brick sidewalks to concrete:

Scott E. Wyatt, 204 S. Grove St., representing Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association; and
Steve Dilger, 406 E. High St.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the request to convert brick sidewalks to concrete:

Frank Veach, 605 California;
Linda Wild, 702 E. Oregon;
David Kovacic, 601 S. Anderson;
Peggy Kovacic, 601 s. Anderson; and
Marcus Harris, 310 Dodson Dr. West, representing properties at 608 E. Oregon, 605 Anderson, and 503 Anderson.

The following people did not address the Committee, but wanted the record to show their support for the request to convert brick sidewalks to concrete:

Sharon Frank, 603 E. Main; and
Margaret Miller, 501 E. High St.

Committee Member Input

Chair Hayes read into record letters (see attached) from the following people in support of the request to convert brick sidewalks to concrete:

Gerald E. Teel, 702 E. California;
Jerry D. Teel, 707 E. California; and
Mary Alice Teel, 702 E. California.

13. A REQUEST TO CONVERT BRICK SIDEWALKS TO CONCRETE SIDEWALKS IN A MAJOR BRICK WALK BLOCK

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report.

Following debate, Ms Huth moved to send this item to the Historic Preservation Commission for a recommendation back to Council. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2003.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2003-04-041: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER FOURTEEN OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, REGARDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES (JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004)

Delora Siebrecht (Office Manager, Finance Dept.) presented the staff report. The Schedule of Fees must be on file with the City Clerk at least 30 days prior to passage by the City Council.

Following debate, Ms Patt made a motion directing staff to file the Schedule of Fees with the City Clerk in order to make the 30-day filing requirement, and that this item be brought back to Council at its May 19, 2003 meeting with a recommendation for approval. Ms Huth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 2003-04-006R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF URBANA AND CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM FY 2003-2004 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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

Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to the May 5, 2003 Council meeting, with the understanding that prior to that date, staff will meet with a representative of UCAN (United Citizens and Neighbors) and herself (Wyman) and/or Council Member Hayes, to discuss possible ways to include the goals of the UCAN proposal in the Annual Action Plan. Ms Chynoweth seconded. Debate ensued.

Ms Patt moved to amend the motion to make a change in the Plan on page 15 under "Homestead Corporation Rental Housing Development", to delete the sentence: "The Urbana units may serve as replacement units for the Lakeside Terrace Redevelopment Project, under an approved redevelopment plan." Ms Wyman seconded. Debate ensued.

Ms Wyman entered a friendly amendment to page 15 of the Plan under "Urban League Lease Purchase Program", that this project include single-family homes in Urbana and direct staff to talk with the Urban League about providing at least two (2) and possibly up to five (5) single-family homes to be located in Urbana with the use of this funding. Ms Patt did not accept the friendly amendment based on this being the CHDO monies shared with Champaign and would be unreasonable to ask them to build all five homes in Urbana.

Ms Wyman then made a friendly amendment to direct staff to talk with Urban League about how both cities can benefit from the use of the combined funds for the Urban League Lease Purchase Program. There were no objections.

Following further debate, the motions to amend carried by voice vote.

The main motion to send to the May 5, 2003 Council meeting carried by voice vote, as amended.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 2003-04-007R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SINGLE-FAMILY PROGRAM (HELP PROGRAM, SERIES 2003)**

[Agenda items #7 and #8 were acted on together.]

Mr. Grewe presented the staff report.

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

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2003-04-036: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VOLUME CAP IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES AND RELATED MATTERS (ASSISTURBANA, SERIES 2003)**

[This item presented with previous agenda item and sent to Council with a recommendation for approval.]

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2003-04-037: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT (2506 E. WASHINGTON STREET / RAY CAMPO, WILLIAM D. CAMPO, CARL BRUECKNER)**

Robert Kowalski (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report.

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

10. **DISCUSSION: WEST NILE VIRUS PROGRAM**

Rod Fletcher (Environmental Control Manager) presented the staff report and introduced Dr. Robert Novak (Entomologist/Natural History Survey) to Committee. Staff is requesting direction from Council whether to negotiate an agreement for the expanded program as proposed by Dr. Novak with Champaign, Savoy and the University of Illinois. These entities have already received guidance to proceed to enter into an agreement for an expanded program.

Following debate, Ms Wyman moved to direct staff to proceed with a proposal to present to Council. Ms Huth seconded. Following debate the motion carried by voice vote.

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 2003-04-008R: RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (WASHINGTON STREET, VINE STREET)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

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

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 2003-04-038: AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY (RUNNING 143.88 FEET NORTH FROM NEVADA STREET IN THE 300 BLOCK OF WEST NEVADA STREET)**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report.

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

14. **EDC MARKETING COMMITTEE**

Mayor Satterthwaite gave a brief history of this committee, and noted that he serves on the EDC Marketing Committee, which is currently overseeing work on a \$200,000 marketing plan. Mayor Satterthwaite expressed concerns he has with continuing to use the services of the current out-of-town firm vs. local agencies. These concerns are raised primarily due to significant costs charged by the out-of-town firm compared to estimates given by local firms. Mayor Satterthwaite is bringing this to the Council's attention in hopes that local agencies will be considered for the upcoming Phase III of this project. Debate ensued.

At 11:00, in accordance with Council Rules, Ms Patt made a motion to extend the meeting for ten more minutes. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Committee that proposals from local companies should be considered. With there being no objections, Mayor will prepare a motion or resolution to Council.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Hayes declared the meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: April 28, 2003 (with correction)

CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2003

At a regular meeting of the Urbana City Council's Committee Of The Whole held Monday, April 28, 2003, the following correction was made to the minutes of April 14, 2003:

Page 4, item #9 was moved to the May 19, 2003 council meeting and should read as follows: *"Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to the May 19, 2003 Council meeting with a recommendation for approval. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote."*

This correction pertains to original debate in the minutes of April 14, 2003.

By attaching this correction sheet, the minutes of April 14, 2003 are hereby corrected to read as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary