

CITY OF URBANA
Monday, October 20, 2003

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 6, 2003 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Patt, and Otto – 5; absent: Whelan and Wyman – 2; (excused).

Also present were Staff Members: Comptroller Ron Eldridge, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Grants Management Division Manager Bob Grewe, City Attorney Steve Holz, Planning Division Manager Rob Kowalski, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Assistant Police Chief Jim Page, Deputy City Clerk Deborah Roberts, Community Development Director Libby Tyler, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the October 06, 2003 City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Kellman-Millers, 114 W. Florida, and Wendy Maxson, 116 W. Florida Avenue, addressed the Council regarding appropriate residential lighting and in opposition to the lighting that has been proposed by the City.

Public Works Director Bill Gray answered Council questions regarding the street lighting project.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2003-08-091: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances

Regarding License Agreements, Permits, and Compensation for Use of Public Rights of Way was

before the Council from a previous meeting.

Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to amend the ordinance to exclude the changes that are under Section 20-131 from b through d. and the changes under Section 20-135.3.2. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt. City Attorney Steve Holz stated that along with these exclusions, Section One of the ordinance should be deleted also. This exclusion was acceptable to the mover and seconder.

Following debate, Mayor Satterthwaite repeated the motion. It is to delete Section 1; Section 20-131, b, c, and d; and Section 20-135.2.

The amendment carried by a voice vote.

The motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2003-08-091: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Regarding License Agreements, Permits, and Compensation for Use of Public Rights of Way**, as amended, carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, and Patt – 5; voting nay: none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

Alderman Hayes moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2003-09-103: An Ordinance Approving the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for the City of Urbana (FY 2003-2004)** with changes listed in the staff memo. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt.

Alderwoman Chynoweth moved to amend the Ordinance on page 8 after “Housing Market” entry to add the following impediment:

“Utility Costs: The cost of petroleum is rising and may continue to rise. This is an impediment both because older homes tend to be less energy efficient than new homes and paying increasing utility costs can jeopardize paying rent or mortgage.”

- Build highly energy efficient homes with funds available to develop affordable housing
- Create or support programs providing assistance to increase the energy efficiency of homes

Under “Housing Discrimination Complaint Process” add:

“Identify and address impediments to a timely hearing or settlement of housing discrimination complaints”

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Change NIMBYism entry to:

“NIMBYism: This can be a deterrent to new housing proposals resulting in limited variety of housing choices for the homeless population, section 8 vouchers recipients, and those with prior arrests or convictions.”

- “develop housing for those with prior arrests or convictions”

add the following bullet point under “Access to Affordable Housing”

- “consider developing an affordable housing trust fund.”

The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt. Following debate, Alderwoman Chynoweth withdrew the section of her motion to amend which states: Under “Housing Discrimination Compliance Process” add: “identify and address impediments to a timely hearing or settlement of housing discrimination complaints” and to use the language that staff used at the bottom of page 8 in the Analysis of Impediments To Fair Housing Choice, Executive Summary. Alderwoman Patt made a friendly amendment “to address housing discrimination against people with arrest or conviction record. Alderwoman Chynoweth accepted the friendly amendment and removed the portion of her motion Under “Housing

Discrimination Complaint Process” add: “Identify and address impediments to a timely hearing or settlement of housing discrimination complaints” and “consider developing an affordable housing trust fund.”

Alderwoman Patt clarified the current motion as follows:

“Utility Costs: The cost of petroleum is rising and may continue to rise. This is an impediment both because older homes tend to be less energy efficient than new homes and paying increasing utility costs can jeopardize paying rent or mortgage.”

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- “consider developing an affordable housing trust fund.”
- Address housing discrimination against people with arrests or conviction record

The amendment to **Ordinance No. 2003-09-103: An Ordinance Approving the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for the City of Urbana (FY 2003-2004)** carried by a voice vote. The motion to approve the Ordinance as amended carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, and Patt – 5; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2003-10-113: An Ordinance**

Approving a Final Subdivision Plat (Savannah Green Subdivision Phase V – Plan Case No. 1866-S-

03). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, and Patt – 5; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2003-10-114: An Ordinance**

Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Police Grant and Task Force X). The motion was seconded

by Alderwoman Huth and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, and Mayor Satterthwaite – 6; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2003-10-022R: A Resolution**

Determining the Amounts of Money Necessary to be Raised by the Tax Levy (2003). The motion was

seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 5-0 roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, and Patt – 5; voting nay: none.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 27, 2003 in Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Office Bruce Walden and City Attorney Steve Holz reported on the circumstances regarding the potential sale of Illinois Power to Excelon. Commonwealth Edison is aholding of Excelon. A recap of the issues discussed at previous meeting regarding the reliability of Illinois Power. No action is required at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Division Manager Rob Kowalski presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2003-**

10-115: An Ordinance Approving A Final Subdivision Plat (Somerset Subdivision Phase IV – Plan

Case No. 1867-S-03). Flessner Development Company has submitted a final plat for Phase IV of Somerset Subdivision. The plat would create 34 lots to the west of Somerset Phase III. The plat would dedicate a new right-of-way called Fieldcrest Drive. Fieldcrest Drive will be a north-south street from Airport Road but will connect to the existing stub of Somerset Drive to the east. The subdivision is not within the corporate limits but is subject to an annexation agreement and will be annexed when contiguous to the city limits. Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Alderman Hayes moved to approve **Ordinance No.2003-10-115: An Ordinance Approving A Final Subdivision Plat (Somerset Subdivision Phase IV – Plan Case No. 1867-S-03)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, and Patt – 5; voting nay: none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED: November 3, 2003