

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 27, 2003

7:30 P.M.

### Committee Members Present:

Danielle Chynoweth, James Hayes, Laura Huth (arrived at 7:34 p.m.), Milton Otto, Esther Patt, and Ruth Wyman (arrived at 7:34 p.m.) – 6

### Committee Members Absent:

Joseph Whelan – 1

### Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Rod Fletcher, Bill Gray, Bob Grewe, Steve Holz, Jim Page, Karen Rasmussen, Libby Tyler, Mayor Satterthwaite, and Bruce Walden

### Others Present:

Hiram Paley, Al Weiss, John Paul Schmidt, and Members of the Media

### Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

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There being a quorum, Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

### Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mayor Satterthwaite requested that item 5. **Ordinance 2003-10-117: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (Increase the Institutional Sign Area from 20 sq. ft. to 36.09 sq. ft. in the City's R-4, Medium Density Multiple-Family Zoning District / 2004 S. Philo Road, Case No. ZBA-03-MAJ-08)** and item 8. **Ordinance No. 2003-10-118: An Ordinance Relating to Civil Service (certification of candidates, probation, internal applicants, exam age limit, and purging obsolete language)** be removed from the agenda. There were no objections.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Wyman moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2003 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Ms. Patt requested to amend the minutes on page 1, item 4, sentence 5, by deleting the word "current". There were no objections. The approval of the minutes, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

## **Public Input**

Hiram Paley, 706 W. California, address the Committee regarding regulations on block parties.

Al Weiss, 705 S. Cedar Street, and John Paul Schmidt, 908 S. Cottage Grove Avenue, address the Committee on the topic of Municipal Utilities.

### **Ordinance No. 2003-10-119: An Ordinance Approving a Second Amendment to a Certain Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement With Homestead Corporation (Eads at Lincoln, FY 2002-2003)**

Grants Management Division Manager Bob Grewe presented staff report. This is a second amendment to the Eads at Lincoln Program. The amendment would allow the City to pay Homestead a pro-ration share of their development fee before the home is transferred to the homebuyer. The issue is whether to approve a second amendment to the Eads at Lincoln CHDO agreement to allow the City to pay Homestead a pro-ration share of their development fee. Staff recommends approval.

Ms. Patt moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2003-10-119: An Ordinance Approving a Second Amendment to a Certain Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement With Homestead Corporation (Eads at Lincoln, FY 2002-2003)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

### **Resolution No. 2003-10-023R: A Resolution Endorsing the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness**

Grants Coordinator Karen Rasmussen presented staff report. The objective of the continuum is to implement the goals set forth under this plan to reduce the numbers of chronically homeless persons in the community. A chronically homeless person is defined as an unaccompanied individual with a diagnosed disability who has been continually homeless for more than a year or has had four or more individual episodes of homelessness in the last three years. While the plan focuses on chronically homeless individuals, it also covers issues related to all areas of homelessness including families and individuals who are temporarily or episodically homeless and methods of preventing homeless.

Ms. Patt moved to forward Resolution **No. 2003-10-023R: A Resolution Endorsing the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness** to Council with a recommendation for adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyman.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to amend the Plan on page 2, paragraph 2, to read "UCCoC has surveyed homeless persons in Champaign County several times during the past decade in an effort to accurately count the number of homeless individuals and families, to better understand the causes of homelessness and to plan services that will effectively address the needs of this population. In summary, the 2003 survey reported that in one week Champaign County had approximately 315 homeless persons, of which 204 were adults, 109 were children, two were minors not with adults, and 16 were veterans. Of the 191 surveyed households, five were still in permanent housing pending eviction; 70 had been homeless for

less than one year (27 temporarily/38 episodically/5 did not answer); 116 had been homeless for more than a year or more than four times in the past three years. Of those, 116 households, 2 were minors, 89 were single persons and 25 were families.” The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman. The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

Following further debate, the motion to forward **Resolution No. 2003-10-023R: A Resolution Endorsing the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness**, as amended, to Council with a recommendation for adoption carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2003-10-116: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for Use of Right-Of-Way (410 North Vine Street)**

Public Works Director Bill Gray stated that the 410 North Vine Building Corporation has requested permission from the City to occupy the right-of-way to install and maintain a sign for the Carter’s Furniture Store within the right-of-way at 410 North Vine Street. In order for 410 North Vine Building Corporation to occupy the City right-of-way, a license agreement and an outdoor advertising permit from the Illinois Department of Transportation are necessary. There is no financial impact to the City. Staff recommends approval. Staff recommends approval.

Ms. Wyman moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2003-10-116: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for Use of Right-Of-Way (410 North Vine Street)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

**Landfill Update**

Environmental Manager Rod Fletcher and Mr. Gray presented staff report. In July 2003, Council approved a budget amendment that allowed the city to enter into an agreement for professional services with GeoSyntec. In August, GeoSyntec along with City and University staff met with local IEPA officials to provide a review to the IEPA of planned site investigation activities and the overall project timetable.

GeoSyntec completed three weeks of field investigative work on September 12. Among the activities performed were:

- Visual survey of the Saline bank
- Test pits were dug to determine the approximate extent of waste in relation to the bank
- 13 handprobes installed along the bank (at 2 locations piezometer wells were installed to determine subsurface pore pressures)
- 13 borings back upon the landfill near the bank to depths of p to 40 feet with continuous soil/waste sampling (at 3 locations piezometer wells were installed)
- 2 water elevation gages were installed in the Saline
- 11 oil/waste samples were collected and analyzed for chemical constituents commonly found in petroleum hydrocarbon products

GeoSyntec is currently evaluating the data gathered from the investigation and developing a report. Staff will review the report in November and a completed report will be given to Council.

Debate followed. No action was required on this item.

### **A Motion Authorizing Staff to Negotiate Residential and Multi-Family Recycling Contracts**

Mr. Fletcher presented staff report. A RFP to solicit proposals to continue to provide the residential and multifamily recycling programs was issued and responses were received on September 29, 2003. Responses were received from ABC Sanitary Hauling and Central Waste Services. ABC currently provides services for the residential program and CWS for multifamily. The contracts expire March 31, 2004.

Both ABC and CWS submitted a price of \$1.90 per unit. ABC submitted a multifamily program pricing schedule slightly less than what was paid for unit costs initiating the program in 1999. CWS submitted a price schedule that maintains the fees currently paid for the program. Overall, ABC's cost was approximately 1 percent less than CWS.

Staff feels that there is a benefit to having 2 separate contractors provide services and recommend that a motion be made authorizing staff to negotiate a contract with ABC to provide residential service and a contract with Central Waste Services for the multifamily contract.

Following debate, Ms. Chynoweth made **A Motion Authorizing Staff to Negotiate Residential and Multi-Family Recycling Contracts**. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

### **Discussion: Commercial Recycling**

At the August 25, 2003 the Committee expressed their interest in developing a recycling program for commercial businesses. In reviewing prior Committee reports and information, staff needs the following additional input in order to complete a draft ordinance:

- Definition of commercial establishments
- Type of program, options
- Commodities to be collected, options
- Reporting
- Exemptions
- Implementation

With direction on these issues, a draft ordinance could be generated for review. Staff is recommending that a focus group be established to gain input from businesses and haulers that would be affected by adoption of such an ordinance, especially if a mandatory program is preferred.

Debate followed. No action was required on this item.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Hayes declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor  
Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was taped.

\*\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

**Minutes approved: November 10, 2003**