



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**July 26, 2004**



**Committee Members Present:**

Danielle Chynoweth, James Hayes, Laura Huth, Milton Otto, Esther Patt, and Joseph Whelan – 6.

**Committee Members Absent:**

Ruth Wyman – 1 (excused).

**Staff Members Present:**

Police Chief Eddie Adair, Phyllis Clark, Bill Gray, Bob Grewe, Steve Holz, John Regetz, Fred Schlipf, Libby Tyler, Mayor Satterthwaite, Jack Waaler, and Bruce Walden

**Others Present:**

Members of the Public listed under Public Input and Members of the Media

**Meeting Location:**

Urbana City Council Chambers

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There being a quorum, Chair Whelan called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report**

There were none.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2004 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried by a voice vote.

**Public Input**

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to **At-Large Council Representation:**

Ben Grosser – 2106 South Race  
Jacqueline Waters – 407 West Main  
Anne Odom – 308 South Lynn  
Shirley Stillinger, 1003 South Busey  
Mike Lehman, 608 East Green  
Paul Mueth, 207 West Illinois  
Maiko Covington, 805 South Race  
Belden Fields, 206 West Pennsylvania  
Walter Matherly, 402 West Nevada  
Cope Cumpston, 402 West Nevada  
Mark Enslin, 207 West Indiana  
Lois Steinberg, 306 West Nevada  
Matthew Murrey, 606 East High  
Laura Haber, 206 South McCullough

The following people addressed the Committee in support of **At-Large Council Representation:**

John Rinkenberger, 801 Scovill  
Dick Halberstadt, 1906 Galena  
Diane Marlin, 2203 Boudreau  
Christopher Alix, 301 East George Huff  
John Barela, 404 West High, Apartment 10  
Linda Busey, 505 McHenry  
Howard Wakeland, 2213 Combes

The following people did not speak but expressed their opposition to **At-Large-Council Representation:**

Derrol Halberstadt, 1401 East Pennsylvania  
Ya'Aqov Ziso, 806 East Washington  
Ivan L. Ruiz, 801 South Walnut  
Durl Kruse, 2007 South George Huff  
Jan Kruse, 2007 South George Huff  
Paul A. Kennedy, 410 West High

The following people addressed e-mails to the Committee expressing their opposition to **At-Large Council Representation:**

Peggy Patten and Todd Kenney, – 609 West Indiana  
Jill Nelson, 609 West Main - #4  
Marya Ryan, #1 Buena Vista Court  
Gerrie Parr, Champaign County Democrats  
Curtis Pettyjohn, 907 South Orchard

Howard Loar, 1608 Smith Road, addressed the Committee regarding the street lighting for the Savannah Green Subdivision.

Chair Whelan requested at 5-minute break at 9:45 p.m. There were no objections. The Committee

resumed session at 9:55 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

**Ordinance No. 2004-07-087: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Second Cooperative Agreement (Urbana Free Library)**

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that the Library Board and the Library Foundation Board have passed a Second Cooperative Agreement regarding the Urbana Free Library Expansion project. This agreement details work to be done in a \$241,000 addition to the expansion project that has come at the request of the Foundation and will be funded by the Foundation. The additional work includes the demolition of the Winkelmann building, necessary site work as a result of its demolition and remodeling the Tepper building. Since the Tepper building will no longer be available to the City as income property, the agreement also includes a \$75,000 contribution from the Foundation to the City for the purchase of the Marro building and the City's ability to use the Marro building as income property.

Retained Attorney Jack Waaler, and representatives of the Foundation, Rupert Evans and Charlie Smyth reviewed the plans as outlined in the Agreement.

Following debate, Ms. Chynoweth moved to postpone consideration of this **Ordinance No. 2004-07-087: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Second Cooperative Agreement (Urbana Free Library)**, with the following amendments, until a Public Hearing can be held after Labor Day. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Amended as follows:

**SECOND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
URBANA FREE LIBRARY EXPANSION**

**This Second Cooperative Agreement Urbana Free Library Expansion ("Second Agreement") is made this 19th day of July, 2004 by and between the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois ("City"), a Municipal Corporation, the Board of Trustees of the Urbana Free Library ("Board") an administrative agency of the City of Urbana, and the Urbana Free Library Foundation ("Foundation"), an Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation.**

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS, the parties entered into an agreement entitled "Cooperative Agreement, Urbana Free Library Expansion" on the 19th day of July, 1999 ("First Agreement");**

**WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to continue to cooperate and assist each other in financing, designing, engineering, constructing, furnishing and equipping an improved central public library building ("Improved Library") and its site in Urbana, Illinois;**

**WHEREAS, the parties have continued to pursue the purposes of the First Agreement;**

**WHEREAS, the parties desire to further improve the ~~expansion concept by adding additional parking, removing obstructions to the view~~ library by providing adequate parking, improving the usability and visibility of the Improved Library and gaining control of additional**

portions of the block upon which the Improved Library is located; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to integrate future library development with overall visions for downtown including the Downtown Strategic Plan, The Comprehensive Plan, and Annual Action Plan for Downtown;

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to provide goods and services to library patrons within convenient walking distance from the library, as well as harness the economic development opportunities our highly popular library provides, while fostering library-compatible uses on the block;

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to preserve and enhance properties of historical significance, including the Fejes building and the library;

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to document in this Agreement, their rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations ("Roles") in this continuing project;

**WHEREAS** the parties have agreed on a Master Plan for the use of the Library Block bounded by Green, Cedar, Elm, and Race Streets in Urbana, Illinois;

Following further debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Chynoweth moved to forward the following agenda items to Council with no recommendation:

**Ordinance No. 2004-07-084: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor To Establish A Parking Meter Zone On Certain Streets (Goodwin Avenue)**

**Ordinance No. 2004-07-085: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Fire Saw, Terrorism Grant)**

**Ordinance No. 2004-07-086: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (FEMA Grant, PW Radios)**

**UBA Contract**

a. **Ordinance No. 2004-07-088: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Promotion and Marketing Services (Urbana Business Association 2004-2005)**

b. **Ordinance No. 2004-07-089: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for TIF Promotion and Marketing Services (Urbana Business Association)**

**Resolution No. 2004-07-017R: A Resolution Authorizing A Further Extension Of An Agreement For Use Of The Right-Of-Way (Illinois-American Water Company);**

to hear **Report on Economic Conditions in the Sunnycrest/Philo Road Business District** under Staff Report on the Council agenda and to forward:

**Ordinance No. 2004-06-068: An Ordinance Amending The City Of Urbana Code Of Ordinances (Curfew For Minors) and Ordinance No. 2004-05-053: An Ordinance Regarding City Officials And Employee Ethics And Political Activity** to the next Committee meeting.

The motion was seconded Chair Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

**Discussion: At-Large Council Representation**

Mr. Otto opened the discussion stating he feels that there is a significant area of the City that feels it's voice is not heard and having two at-large representatives probably won't remedy that problem but it is an important step. The At-large seats would not speak specifically for east or west Urbana but everyone would have a vote in electing these people and they would be accountable to the entire City. This is not aimed at diluting student representation. Mr. Otto asked for Committee support for this issue.

Mr. Otto moved that staff be directed to draw up a proposed ordinance or resolution that would put the issue of at-large council representation on the ballot and bring it back to City Council next week for approval. The motion was seconded by Chair Whelan.

Ms. Patt stated the matter be given careful consideration before a major change is made to the structure of the City's government. A document explaining what is involved in this decision would be helpful. There are petitions circulating that will put this item on the ballot whether or not City Council supports it. More information is needed, such as the details of the law regarding at-large representation and compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 before this is considered. A point has not been made regarding how increasing the size of the Council will make government better. There is no necessity for the Council to take action on this issue.

Mr. Hayes stated that good could come from change but change for the sake of change is not always good. Mr. Hayes stated that the only way to find out how people feel is to put it on the ballot to see how they vote.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that people feel disenfranchised for a number of reasons. Some people who live in a growth area can feel under represented. Others feel disenfranchised because there was only one candidate in their ward and they didn't have a choice. Mayor Satterthwaite stated his support of at-large representation.

Chair Whelan stated his support for this issue. Mr. Whelan stated that this issue is not political. It is not to favor the GOP.

Ms. Chynoweth stated that there are so many questions unanswered. There needs to be a discussion as to why two? Why not double the wards and go entirely at-large. There has been no discussion for the reason for this discussion or any information in the packet to give the Committee something to consider.

Following extensive debate, Ms. Patt moved to table. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth.

Mr. Otto requested a roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Chynoweth, Hayes,

Huth, and Patt – 4; voting nay: Otto and Whelan – 2.

Mr. Otto moved to extend the meeting for 30 minutes. The motion died for lack of a second.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Whelan declared the meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was taped.

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

**MINUTES APPROVED: August 9, 2004, as amended**

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE JULY 26, 2006 MINUTES**

Mr. Otto requested to amend the July 26, 2004 minutes under **Public Input** by removing Derrol Halberstadt's name from the list of people that did not speak but expressed their opposition to **At-Large Council Representation** and add a paragraph that states: "Darrol Halderstadt did not speak but expressed his support for **At Large Council Representation**."

Mr. Otto requested to remove Gerri Parr's name from the list of people who addressed e-mails to the Committee expressing their opposition to **At-Large Council Representation**.

Mr. Otto requested to add the word "completely" between "won't" and "remedy" in the first paragraph, second sentence, under **Discussion: At-Large Council Representation**.

There were no objections to these amendments. The minutes were approved as amended.