



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
August 23, 2004

Committee Members Present:

Danielle Chynoweth, James Hayes, Milton Otto, Esther Patt, and Ruth Wyman – 5.

Committee Members Absent:

Laura Huth and Joseph Whelan – 2 (excused).

Staff Members Present:

Police Chief Eddie Adair, Phyllis Clark, Rod Fletcher, Bill Gray, Steve Holz, Rob Kowalski, Libby Tyler, Mayor Satterthwaite, and Bruce Walden

Others Present:

David Thies, John Barela and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Patt called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Chair Patt stated that it has been requested **Ordinance No. 2004-08-111: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Wright Street (adjacent to Dunbar Court)** be removed from the agenda. There were no objections.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2004 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman.

Ms. Patt moved to amend the minutes by deleting the last line that states. "The motion was

seconded by Ms. Chynoweth.” And on page 5, under **ADJOURNMENT** to state that the meeting was adjourned at “10:32 p.m.” rather than “11:32 p.m.” There were no objections.

Mr. Otto requested to delete the last line in the first paragraph under **Ordinance No. 2004-05-053: An Ordinance Regarding City Officials and Employees Ethics and Political Activity** and replace it with the following: “Mr. Otto’s desire is to address that issue so that the City ethics ordinance eliminates the loopholes. The City ethics ordinance could be complied with by recusing oneself from those issues in which one has a conflict. State ethics law would remain unchanged.” There were no objections.

The minutes were approved as amended by a voice vote.

Public Input

David Thies, representing Chinigo Trust, addressed the Committee in support of **Ordinance No. 2004-08-114: An Ordinance Disclaiming and Quitclaiming to the News-Gazette All Interest in Certain Real Property (Encroachment at east edge of 300 W. Main)**.

Ordinance No. 2004-08-112: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Landfill Remediation Cost)

Public Works Director Bill Gray and Environmental Manager Rod Fletcher presented staff report providing an update on landfill remediation.

The Landfill Remediation Status Report #7 provides background for the ordinance revising the budget for landfill remediation costs. Approval of this ordinance will allow the City to execute the construction contracts and begin the construction remediation efforts of the Butzow and Saline Ditches.

The budget amendment would increase expenses \$393,267 for a total of \$1,527,037. Revenues from the University of Illinois will increase \$43,333 for a total of \$262,877. A reduction of \$130,390 from General Reserve fund will also be required to meet anticipated expenses. Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2004-08-112: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Landfill Remediation Cost)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2004-08-113: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Traffic Signal Lamp Replacement)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. The City of Urbana recently applied for an Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Grant for replacement of traffic signals lamps at the approximately 40 signalized intersections in Urbana with new LEDs. The amount of the grant received was \$58,170. The total material cost of the project is an estimated \$106,000. The total project including all material, labor and equipment costs is \$123,000.

The City will need to provide the initial \$106,000 to purchase the materials for this project. Labor and equipment are “soft costs”. After the installation of the LEDs is complete and accepted, the City would receive the \$58,170 grant.

Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2004-08-113: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Traffic Signal Lamp Replacement)** to Council with the recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2004-08-110: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Saline Court; Smith Road)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. This Ordinance is for the placement of stop signs at Saline Court in the North Lincoln Industrial Park Subdivision and the new Smith Road connection between Florida Avenue and Stone Creek Boulevard. The newly constructed streets intersect the arterial/collector streets therefore the stop signs are needed. Staff recommends approval.

Mr. Hayes moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2004-08-110: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Saline Court; Smith Road)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2004-08-114: An Ordinance Disclaiming and Quitclaiming to the News-Gazette All Interest in Certain Real Property (Encroachment at east edge of 300 W. Main)

City Attorney Steve Holz stated that this is a tiny sliver of land at the east edge of the building at 300 W. Main which apparently encroaches the City easement.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2004-08-114: An Ordinance Disclaiming and Quitclaiming to the News-Gazette All Interest in Certain Real Property (Encroachment at east edge of 300 W. Main)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2004-08-104: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Revisions to various sections of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance as they pertain to the requirements of the M.O.R., Mixed Office-Residential Zoning District - Plan Case No. 1897-T-04) and Ordinance No. 2004-08-105: An Ordinance Approving Design Guidelines (The M.O.R., Mixed-Office-Residential Zoning District Guidelines - Plan Case No. 1897-T-04)

Planning Division Manager Rob Kowalski presented staff report. This discussion is continued from the August 16, 2004 City Council meeting to allow for making specific items of the design guidelines mandatory and to review requirements for windows and for parking underneath accessory structures.

The major change made was deleting the section allowing for parking beneath a principal structure. Parking could still be allowed under an accessory use, such as a garage with second level play or work area. Second, the proposed language for Section J places more emphasis on the Development

Review Board determining compliance with all sections of the Design Guidelines and clarified that this

review and determination is mandatory.

Three items were made mandatory:

1. Front, main entrances must face the street. If the building is on a corner lot it must face the more principal street.
2. Facades with street frontage shall contain window openings and shall not be blank.
3. Parking shall be located behind the principal structure and not in the facade zone.

Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, John Barela, 611 West Green Street, regarding new building in the M.O.R. to encourage Committee support for Ordinance 2004-08-104.

Ms. Wyman moved by omnibus motion to forward **Ordinance No. 2004-08-104: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Revisions to various sections of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance as they pertain to the requirements of the M.O.R., Mixed Office-Residential Zoning District - Plan Case No. 1897-T-04)** and **Ordinance No. 2004-08-105: An Ordinance Approving Design Guidelines (The M.O.R., Mixed-Office-Residential Zoning District Guidelines - Plan Case No. 1897-T-04)**. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further debate, Chair Patt declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

* *This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

MINUTES APPROVED: September 13, 2004, as written