

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

January 11, 1993

Committee Members Present:

Michael Pollock (Chairman), Clifford Singer, Charles Smyth, Bonnie Tarr

Committee Members Absent:

Joan Barr, Lonnie Clark, Joseph Whelan

Staff Members Present:

Bruce Walden, Jack Waaler, Tom Lindsey, Ronald Eldridge, Chief Schlieter, April Getchius, Bruce Stoffel, William Gray, Rod Fletcher, Joe Smith, Doug Miller, Pat Pioletti, Glenn Berman, Mayor Markland

Others Present:

Dale Ewen, David Bordua, Members of the News Media

Meeting Location:

City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Pollock.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mr. Singer requested that Solid Waste Matters be addressed following Cable TV - Presentation on PEG Access Support. There were no objections.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Smyth moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 1992 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tarr and carried by a voice vote.

Audit Report Presentation

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Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden offered to answer questions regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 1992. There were no questions.

Cable TV - Presentation on PEG Access Support

Dale Ewen, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Parkland College, introduced members of the Parkland staff and reviewed an informational packet (copy attached) regarding the possibility of Parkland providing public access and educational programming for Cable TV. He requested that the Council support the negotiating team in obtaining the best possible financial assistance for PEG channels.

Solid Waste Matters

Mr. Pollock recalled that at the January 4, 1993 Committee on Environment and Public Safety special meeting, direction was given to staff to develop a draft ordinance on solid waste matters.

Director of Public Works William Gray presented the ordinance for consideration which is based on Prototype A with some changes. In reviewing the ordinance, he listed the following components: Curbside collection of acceptable waste; no more than two waste containers allowed at the curbside at one time; collection of waste to coincide with pickup days for recycling; additional containers to be picked up at the back door on the same day (or the second collection day of the week); capacity of containers to be less than 35 gallons and contain less than 40 pounds; containers not to be placed at curbside more than 24 hours up to 9:00 p.m. on the day of collection; haulers to offer back yard pickup with a single combined billing system; stickers to be required for all containers picked up excluding the first; licensing fees for haulers to be \$500 annually with additional charges for various types of multiple resident housing; stickers to be purchased on an annual or single use basis; revenue generated from stickers would fund the U-Cycle program, from license fees, the household hazardous waste collection, education and administration costs; recycling to be collected by City staff; collection of the recyclable materials currently accepted in the program; direction for haulers to transport waste to a transfer facility or solid waste disposal facility designated by the City; yard waste deposited at the Yard Waste Reclamation Site. He reviewed other specifics of the ordinance and said the program could be implemented by July 1, 1993.

Regarding the hours of operation, Mr. Smyth recalled that a motion passed at the January 4, 1993 Committee on Environment and Public Safety meeting limited residential pickup from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. within one year of opening a transfer station.

Mr. Pollock ruled that the preceding language should be a part of the ordinance and requested that it be revised appropriately.

Mr. Singer moved to send to Council An Ordinance Amending Chapters Ten and Fourteen Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Urbana, Illinois Regulating The Collection And Disposal Of Solid Waste, The Licensing Of Haulers, And Recycling. The motion died for lack of a second.

Following discussion, Mr. Singer moved to send the ordinance to Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth.

Mr. Singer moved to amend the hours of operation section of the ordinance as follows: "Hours of operation: Limit to 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. within one year after opening of transfer station, (1) except as the Director of Public Works shall determine is necessary for occupational health and welfare and (2) except as the Director of Public Safety after review by the City Council shall determine is desirable for the improvement of public safety." The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Singer reviewed his summary of six options that would change the ordinance regarding curbside pickup of two cans per week on recycling day. He said the first option is to leave the ordinance as drafted. The second option is identical to the first except that no one hauler can service all customers in the City. The third option forces haulers to provide curbside service for a specified price. Option four is franchised curbside service allowing any hauler to bid on an equal basis for rights to provide curbside service for a specified portion of the City which could be handled by implementing a predetermined price or by determining the price after bids are received. Option five is City in the marketplace splitting the recycling program allowing one hauler to pick up from the curb without providing recycling services (recycling services provided by the City). Option six would not allow refuse pickup from the curb.

Mr. Pollock moved to delete option number four. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tarr.

Mr. Singer requested that he be allowed to complete his review before motions are considered. He reviewed the options further stating his preference for not allowing refuse pickup from the curb and requesting that the motion to delete option four be defeated.

Mr. Pollock asked for an opinion from City Attorney Jack Waaler on option four and five. Mr. Waaler stated he does not see a problem with number five, he would have concern about implementing option four without consulting an anti-trust expert.

Mr. Pollock stated his opposition to option three, four, five and six. Ms. Tarr stated her preference that curbside service be offered to residents.

Mr. Smyth requested legal staff's opinion on whether the City can impose limits to eliminate the possibility of a monopoly as suggested in option two. Mr. Waaler said he does not see a problem with option two.

The motion to delete option four failed with a tie vote.

Mr. Pollock moved to delete option six. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Singer moved to approve option two with monopoly prevention and a 25% limitation on the total residences for which a hauler may provide service. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Singer moved to approve option two with monopoly prevention and a 30% limitation on the total residences for which a hauler may provide services. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Singer moved to approve option two with monopoly prevention and a 40% limitation on the total residences for which a hauler may provide services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pollock and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Smyth stated his concern that volume-based pricing for residences is not achieved in the provisions of the ordinance. Following discussion regarding a state mandate on volume-based pricing, the committee concensus was that volume-based pricing is not a state requirement at this time.

Mr. Smyth stated he could not support adoption of the ordinance without language that would encourage recycling of all materials that would be economically feasible.

Mr. Singer moved that the ordinance contain the following language: "that any additional materials which can be collected for a period of at least three years with no ongoing cost to the owner shall also be collected as determined by the Director of Public Works with review by the Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Pollock moved that the multi-family implementation date be changed to September 1, 1993. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

The motion to send the ordinance, as amended, to Council carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Pollock stated that the ordinance will be on the agenda of the January 19, 1993 Council meeting.

The Committee recessed at 9:18 p.m. and reconvened at 9:28 p.m. with all members previously in attendance still present.

Budget Amendment - Yard Waste Grant

Mr. Singer moved to send to Council An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Yard Waste Grant). The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

Lincoln Avenue Improvement From Sunset to Killarney

Mr. Gray reviewed a proposed project improving Lincoln Avenue near the I-74

interchange. He said Lincoln Avenue would be widened to provide separate left-turn lanes at Bradley Avenue, a sidewalk would be constructed on the west side of Lincoln from the north Fire Department substation to Killarney Drive, there would be modernization of the traffic signal at Bradley and Lincoln and Lincoln Avenue would be resurfaced from Sunset Drive to south of Killarney Drive. Also included in the project would be construction of sidewalk ramps at Cunningham and University Avenues and an extension of the south turn lane at Lincoln and University Avenues.

Ms. Tarr moved to send to Council the required ordinances and resolutions that would allow completion of the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried by a voice vote.

Acquisition of Properties

Community Development Manager Bruce Stoffel stated that two acquisitions are proposed in the TIF III area in the Eads and Lincoln neighborhood at 1106 Gregory and 1104 Harvey. The properties would be acquired for clearance and new construction.

Ms. Tarr moved to send to Council the ordinances authorizing these purchases. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried by a voice vote.

A.D.A. Compliance Plan Discussion

Mr. Walden presented the City of Urbana Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Plan dated January 6, 1993. He said the primary purpose of the Act is to eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities. The Act requires that the City perform a self-evaluation by January 26, 1993. Mr. Walden suggested that the Plan be adopted by Council and refined over the next year.

Mr. Walden said a task force was named to prepare the ADA Compliance Plan and two public hearings were conducted. He reviewed the City facilities' compliance with the Act and noted that the \$30,000 cost to provide short-term revisions would be proposed in the 1993-94 fiscal year budget.

He said a significant expenditure of funds would be required to make the City facilities accessible and that the Plan assumes future construction of a combined City facility that would bring total compliance.

Mr. Walden said the Plan includes removal of curb barriers by the year 2000, parking lot compliance, and a complaint procedure.

Mr. Singer requested that signage be placed in the City Building noting that help is available to handicapped person requiring assistance.

Mr. Singer moved to send the City of Urbana Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Plan to Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tarr and carried by a voice vote.

Boneyard Stormwater Permit Ordinance

Mr. Walden stated that the premise of the ordinance presented for discussion is to gain control over discharges into the drainage facilities for which the City has recently assumed maintenance responsibility, primarily the Boneyard. The ordinance would enact a regulation to incorporate a stormwater drainage connection permit prior to connecting to any drainage system maintained by the City.

Mr. Pollock suggested that the ordinance be sent to the Committee on Environment and Public Safety for further discussion. There were no objections.

Mr. Pollock stated that the Boneyard Stormwater Permit Ordinance will be placed on the agenda of the January 25, 1993 Committee on Environment and Public Safety meeting.

Public Works Expansion Project Update

Mr. Gray presented the final plans for expansion and remodeling of the Public Works facility. He said the costs are projected to be \$400,000 which would include employees shower and locker rooms, parking lot development and a fueling facility and fuel management program. He noted that the tentative project schedule calls for completion in October, 1993.

Mr. Singer moved to add to the agenda and approve a request that agenda packets be mailed to all certified candidates for elective office in the City. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smyth and carried by a voice vote.

Discussion of Public Safety

David J. Bordua, 4 Montclair Road, addressed the committee regarding accidental deaths of children due to firearms. He stated support for firearm educational programs.

Ms. Tarr moved to send the Public Safety Committee Report to the Committee on Environment and Public Safety for further discussion. There were no objections.

Mr. Pollock stated that Public Safety Committee Report will be placed on the agenda of the January 25, 1993 Committee on Environment and Public Safety meeting.

Mr. Pollock noted that he plans to place on the agenda of the next Committee on Administration and Finance Committee meeting, procedures for Social Service Grant allocations and a preliminary discussion of budget hearings.

Adjournment

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Pollock declared the meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Menges, Secretary