

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
FEBRUARY 27, 1995  
AND RECONVENED MEETING OF  
MARCH 6, 1995**

**Committee Members Present:**

James Hayes, Esther Patt, Michael Pollock, Marya Ryan,  
Clifford Singer (Chairman), John Taylor, and Joseph Whelan

**Committee Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Members Present:**

Bruce Walden, Jack Waaler, Rod Fletcher, Bill Gray, Chief  
Adair, Tom Lindsey, Wendy Reiser, April Getchius, Phyllis  
Clark, and Mayor Satterthwaite

**Others Present:**

Barbara Gladney, Samuel Lanford, Ernst Strenge, James Ellis,  
Steve Frankel, Rob Moore, C.K. Gunsalus, Laura Huth, Earl  
O'Shea, Members of the News Media

**Meeting Location:**

Urbana City Council Chambers

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

**Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report**

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that an  
alternate Budget Timetable, based on Chairman Singer's suggestions, is  
included in the packet. Chairman Singer noted that there was a  
typographical error on that Timetable in that the Social Services  
Allocation meeting and the budget meeting appear on the same date.

Chairman Singer requested, if there is no objection to the  
Budget Timetable, that the item be deleted from the agenda. There  
were no objections.

Ms. Ryan moved to suspend the rules for this evening's  
meeting and limit Committee Members input to five minutes each time  
they speak. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate,

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the motion carried by a show of hands vote.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 1995 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Pollock referenced a passage from those minutes that states "Mr. Taylor moved that the RFP be tabled until after discussion of the licensing ordinance and that the RFP be put back on the agenda after that discussion."

### **Petitions and Communications**

Mr. Pollock moved that all public input be heard prior to the discussion of agenda items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Samuel Lanford, 610 Indiana, addressed the Committee regarding parking on Indiana Street and stated that it would be nice if some of the money collected for parking permits could be spent on improvements for that street.

Ernst Strenge, 609 West Main Street, addressed the Committee in support of a franchising the solid waste system.

C.K. Gunsalus, representing the Urbana Board of Education, addressed the Committee in support of school-city cooperation on behalf of the children of Urbana and the child nutrition program.

Rob Moore, representing the Sierra Club, addressed the Committee in support of a solid waste franchising system.

Steve Frankel, representing Students For Environmental Concerns, addressed the Committee in support of a solid waste franchising system.

Laura Huth, 504 1/2 E. Elm #3, addressed the Committee in support of franchising and volume based pricing as solid waste solutions.

Earl O'Shea, 606A South Glover, addressed the Committee regarding adverse conditions at his property as a result of actions of the property owner adjacent to him and better government.

The following people were present to express their support of franchising, but chose not to speak:

Hurst Shoemaker	1008 N. Main Street
Earl Creutzburg	2302 Brookens Circle
Marcy Null	1111 W. Nevada
Michele Gurgas	409 W. Elm
Jason Lindsey	1605 Willow
Melinda Watts-Ellis	618 W. Springfield, Champaign
Joanne Vokoun	317 Snyder
Sundra Radtke	909 S. Third
George H. Hunter	1108 W. Stoughton
Doris Chim	514 1/2 E. John, Champaign
Coren Kirdwood	728 S. State
Roger Fliege	800 W. Church #6
Charles N. Dold	708 S. Busey Avenue
Shoshana Cohen	609 W. Elm
Neal Baneyie	404 W. Elm
Greta Guzman	404 W. Elm
Matt June	304 W. Elm
Hazel Spitze	1406 S. Vine
Eva Steger	102 W. Vermont

### Solid Waste

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that there was a handout entitled Hauler Licensing Ordinance Concepts placed on Committee members desks which is the January Committee version. There is also another ordinance concept entitled the Alternate Version, which is a result of discussions with some of the Council members concerning breaking up what is currently a unified recycling system.

The Alternate Version keeps many of the provisions of the licensing ordinance but finds a revenue source for the current U-Cycle program with a recycling charge to be billed to the users.

Those two versions are presented for Committee consideration this evening.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bill Gray reviewed both versions of the solid waste issue to be discussed at this meeting.

The January Committee Version is taken from the draft ordinance that is currently being developed. Major points of this version are:

1. **Residents' Provisions**  
Residents are required to have refuse collection. The Public Works Director may grant an exemption. Residents are required to use approved, solid waste containers with lids. Curbside collection of garbage

is permitted one day per week per zone, probably on U-Cycle day. Garbage and recycling containers would only be allowed on the curb for 48 hours. Burning of municipal or landscape waste would be prohibited.

2. **Recycling Provisions**

Unlimited collection of recycling materials would be required by all licensed waste haulers. No commingled collection with municipal trash. No itemizing cost of service on the customer bills. All recycling must be taken to recycling processing facilities. Must provide recycling containers to customers at cost.

3. **Hauler Licensing Provisions**

A license is required for hauling municipal waste, landscape waste, and recycling. Application requirements are certain business information, collection and vehicle information, and proof of safety insurance compliance information. In addition, recycling contractor information and rate information would also be required. There would be a vehicle sticker required for each collection vehicle to be displayed. There would be no overnight parking in residential areas unless the vehicle is parked in an enclosed structure with approved rodent control. Names and phone numbers would be required on the sides of all vehicles. Vehicles used for municipal waste collection must be emptied within 48 hours of collection. There must be compliance with all State and Federal regulations. Hours of residential collection would be restricted to 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with no Sunday collection. Required basic service level for residential collection would be provisions for at least once a week curbside or backdoor collection of one 32 gallon container and recycling materials once a week at the curbside, which would be limited to one day per week for each of five zones. There would be volume based pricing requirements with a price differential of and additional fifty cents for each additional 32 gallons of garbage. There would also be reporting requirements.

4. **Enforcement provisions**

There will be administrative fines for any violation of chapter 10, which would include that the City may issue a notice of violation instead of filing court action, to be served personally or by certified mail. There would be escalating administrative fines. Payment of fines bars court action by the City. License

suspension provisions would include: suspensions from one to thirty days, based on multiple violations within twelve months; public hearings would be required prior to suspension. The Mayor may appoint a hearing officer. License revocation provisions include that the hauler may not apply for a license for six months, based on multiple violations or suspensions within thirty-six months. Public hearing required prior to revocation.

Chairman Singer stated that Mr. Gray's five minutes were up.

Mr. Pollock stated that staff had spent a lot of time preparing their reports and should be allowed sufficient time to make presentations moved to clarify the previous motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor

Ms. Ryan stated that the motion that she made was that Committee Members would limit themselves to 5 minutes each; it did not include staff.

The motion to allow staff to have sufficient time to speak carried by a voice vote.

In response to Mr. Pollock's questions regarding providing recycling containers at cost, Environmental Manager Rod Fletcher stated that the thought behind that was that some recycling containers can be expensive and it is fair, as a one time expense, for haulers to recover that cost.

In regard to the restriction of hours of residential collection, Mr. Pollock stated he believes it is the opinion of the majority of the Committee that hours do not need to be restricted. He further questioned the restriction of pickup on Sunday.

Mr. Fletcher stated that for both items, if it is Council's intent not to restrict hours, it will be incorporated in the final version.

In response to a question regarding the importance of the haulers reporting, Mr. Fletcher stated that knowing the quantity of materials that are being disposed of is essential for the City to be able to calculate recycling rates. The hauler gets a monthly statement from the landfill and can report to the City from that report.

In response to a question from Mr. Hayes, Mr. Fletcher stated that in this proposal there was no pickup of landscape and yardwaste planned for spring and fall. That type of pickup would be

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between the resident and the hauler.

Mr. Whelan inquired if this information has been given to the haulers for response? Mr. Fletcher stated that this information was only given to Council Members this evening, it has not been given to haulers.

Mr. Gray stated that he is not aware of any response from the City to the haulers in response to the plan the haulers submitted to the City. The basic intent of these ideas is discussion at this meeting.

Mr. Gray continued with a brief explanation of the Alternate version of the solid waste plan.

Under resident provisions, there would be no curbside collection, all pickup would be at backdoor. The City would be providing curbside collection of recyclables. All residential dwellings containing four or fewer units would be included in once a week recycling pickup on designated days based on five zones. Material collected would be determined by the City. Cost of City collection would be funded by a recycling charge. All residential dwellings containing four or fewer units would be charged.

Private haulers would be permitted, but not required, to provide collection of recycling materials, backdoor or curbside, but they may not use City recycling containers.

Regarding hauler licensing provisions, new in this plan would be volume based pricing requirement. The rates for all service levels must include a volume based price differential, as determined by the hauler. The distribution of educational materials by the hauler would not be required.

Mr. Gray stated that private haulers that pick up recycling would have to do it the same day as the City contractor.

In response to Mr. Whelan's question regarding who would author the educational material, Mr. Gray stated that staff would do that. The distribution of this material would be a part of the bidding specifications for the contractor. The contractor for recycling would be paid by the City. A ball park figure for that would be \$100,000 to \$200,000, based on past experience. These funds would come from a recycling charge of some sort, perhaps a part of the sewer benefit tax.

Mr. Taylor questioned if both versions will expand the types of materials for recycling? Mr. Gray stated that both versions would do that.

In response to a question from Mr. Taylor regarding what requirement there would be for City follow up to make sure that the recyclables were being properly processed, Mr. Gray stated that would be one of the duties of the extra half-time person.

With regard to the reporting of recyclables, Chairman Singer questioned if it is a mandate on the County, so that if Urbana were to recycle more than Mahomet, it wouldn't make any difference as far as the state requirement is concerned; those requirements are on the County alone and not on the municipalities? Mr. Fletcher stated that is correct.

Following debate about the legal aspects of both plans and health concerns of pickup only being allowed one day a week, Chairman Singer discussed the issue of how the fee for recycling will be accessed. City Attorney Jack Waaler stated the only restriction that comes to mind is that there should be some relationship between the availability of the service and the fee itself. Other than that, it should be rational.

When asked about funding for the U-Cycle program, Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated to assume that the cost of curbside recycling will either be shifted to the private sector or that a separate designated user fee will be established to fund that program.

Regarding the cost as related to number of stops, Ms. Ryan questioned if there would be significant cost differences in this plan between single family residences up to 4 family and multi-family residences in this plan? Mr. Fletcher stated that it would require a vehicle with up to about twice the capacity of our current vehicle if we were to add multi-family residences. To make this happen, it would probably require three larger capacity vehicles. The cost per household would be about the same, but the cost per building would be different.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that by Council direction, staff has been working on a licensing proposal so that Council can compare the licensing proposals and the franchising so that a choice can be made. Pursuant to that, administration would like to have direction of the preference of Council so that they can draw up an actual ordinance for review.

Mr. Whelan stated that he would like to put it off until he had time to review the proposal that was presented at this meeting.

Mr. Whelan moved to continue the discussion of solid waste after the Council meeting on March 6, 1995. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion to table failed by voice vote.

Ms. Ryan moved to accept the Hauler Licensing Concepts Alternate Version and ask staff to draft a more thorough ordinance. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to amend the motion to include that the City provide collection of recycling materials for all multi-unit residential structures. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan.

Following further debate, regarding the importance of including multi-unit recycling in the ordinance, Chairman Singer suggested the following:

"Each owner of a property in a residential zoned area shall annually pay Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for each occupied building on said owner's property. A separate fund shall be maintained for the receipt of such revenues, which shall be used only for the provision of recycling services.

Each occupied building for which payments are being made shall be offered regular recycling collection services, according to procedures promulgated by the City of Urbana Director of Public Works and approved by the City Council.

The City of Urbana Director of Public Works may, with approval of the City Council, promulgate regulations allowing property owners to make alternative provisions for collection of recycling collection services. Such owners shall be exempted from payments or receive a refund from the Recycling Support Fund for each occupied building so serviced.

The Urbana City Clerk shall distribute all notices of any public hearings and other notifications required pursuant to the enactment of this Ordinance."

Ms. Patt stated that two separate ordinances would be acceptable to her, but she prefers that it be done in one motion to set the direction taken. The ultimate goal is that apartment buildings be included in the U-Cycle service.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that he feels the different bullet point versions are meant to catch the concept rather than specific wording. He would prefer to concentrate on the content rather than final wording.

Mr. Whelan questioned whether U-Cycle for multi-unit dwellings would be paid for by the same recycling tax so that people in apartments would not be paying for it but the tax over all the City would be paying for it?

Ms. Patt stated that the property owners of the building would be paying for it. Any owner of residential property would be paying the tax.

Following further debate, Ms. Ryan offered a friendly amendment to the amendment, instead of amending this motion, that we direct staff to draft an ordinance regarding recycling services for buildings of 5 or more units on a parallel track but keep them as two separate ordinances.

Following debate, Ms. Patt stated the original amendment to the motion, "City Council gives the staff direction to draft ordinances for providing for recycling services to all residential properties."

Ms. Patt withdrew her amendment. Chairman Singer ruled that everything had been withdrawn and moved, as an amendment to the original motion, that Committee "request staff to come back to us with ordinance or ordinances which provide a fee to support recycling in all residential units in the City."

Following debate, the motion to amend was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried 4-3 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Hayes, Patt, Ryan, and Singer - 4; voting nay: Pollock, Taylor, and Whelan - 3.

Mr. Taylor stated that while he voted no on the amendment, he is interested in the alternate version. Mr. Taylor further stated that he agrees with Mr. Pollock that the multi-residential units should not be tied to residential recycling.

Following debate, Chairman Singer moved that what comes to Council comes back with provisions along this order or something better. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and following debate, carried by a voice vote.

Following further debate, the motion to accept the Hauler Licensing Concepts Alternate Version and ask staff to draft a more thorough ordinance, as amended carried by 4-3 roll call vote. Members of the Committee voting aye: Hayes, Patt, Ryan, and Singer - 4; voting nay: Pollock, Taylor, and Whelan - 3.

**PEG Recommendation**

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that he had asked the Urbana members of the Cable Commission to submit a recommendation for him to present to Committee. There are several changes that have to be addressed in the coming year.

One of those changes is the fact that the cable company will not be providing the same services as in the past; the equipment that is used at our meetings and the use of their studios.

The City is now collecting a two percent service charge on the cable from Urbana residents. Cable money amounts to approximately \$55,000 to \$60,000 a year at the current rate so that we can provide some of the services that the cable company currently provides.

One of the recommendations is the channel allocation which will include the proposed PEG channel allocation of the four available PEG access channels for Champaign and Urbana. Currently the PEG channels are shared by both Champaign and Urbana. Any channel allocation requires the cooperation of both cities. The Champaign Urbana Joint CATV Commission Members approved the following channel allocation at their January 25, 1995 meeting:

1. Urbana Channel including: Council meetings, City department information, School District meetings, Park District recreational information, Urbana Free Library information, and Urbana community calendar information.
2. Champaign Channel: To use at the discretion of the City of Champaign.
3. Parkland Community Educational Channel.
4. Public Access and Educational Channel with the involvement of the University of Illinois.

In addition to the channel allocation recommendation, an Interim Plan/Transition which includes the City and the Urbana School District working together to implement a smooth transition for educational and governmental programming after September 1, 1995 and during the renovation of the Urbana City Council Chambers.

As a part of City building renovations, the installation of new cameras, lighting, microphones, and modulator for the City council chambers will be funded by general revenues in the amount of \$100,000.00

The recommendation includes the hiring of a consultant to work with the architects on the City building project.

The Urbana CATV Commission Members with the support of Dr. Robert Nielsen and Ms. Jean Burkholder, of the Urbana School District, recommend the hiring of a full time staff person within the Executive Department. This staff position would be Coordinator of PEG Telecommunication Services for the City of Urbana.

The CATV Commission Members would also like consideration of their recommendation on the establishment of an official Advisory Committee for PEG made up of Urbana CATV Commission Members, representatives of the Urbana School District 116, Urbana Park

District, Parkland College, University of Illinois, and other appropriate bodies. This committee's purpose would be to provide and review Champaign Urbana Joint CATV Commission news and information. This Advisory Committee would also network and provide relevant information to this staff person and the department head of this staff person.

Wendy Reiser and Barbara Gladney were present to answer questions from the Committee regarding this PEG presentation.

Following debate, Chairman Singer moved that the PEG Budget Amendment be sent to Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes. Following debate, the motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote. Members of the Committee voting aye were: Hayes, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Singer, and Taylor - 6; voting nay: Whelan - 1.

Chairman Singer moved to recess this meeting to immediately following the City Council Meeting on March 6, 1995. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan. Following debate, the motion carried by a show of hands vote.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 p.m. and reconvened at 10:44 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 1995, with all members previously in attendance still present.

Mr. Pollock stated that he would like to make motions on the order and content of the agenda.

Mr. Pollock moved to delete Item 1. Solid Waste from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Chairman Singer stated that he would like a staff update.

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that there was nothing to report this evening other than that staff has been given direction and is proceeding and drafting two ordinances. Staff hopes to have preliminary materials to Committee on March 13, 1995.

Chairman Singer stated that staff must have some idea what it is doing on these ordinances and asked for comment.

Mr. Pollock called for a point of order, stating that the motion is to delete this item from the agenda, not to discuss it. Mr. Pollock requested that action be taken on the motion.

Chairman Singer requested that Mr. Gray give a brief summary of what staff is considering in terms of apartment building recycling.

Mr. Gray stated that staff is still trying to identify the variety of mechanisms for the collection for multi-family. There may not be one single solution for that number of units.

Chairman Singer spoke to the motion stating that he had been waiting for three years for the administration of the City to come up with a plan to deal with solid waste. Therefore he suggested that the substance of the issues be discussed to get the policy decisions out of the way. The ordinance that is before committee is compatible with what staff is doing. Chairman Singer requested that the motion be defeated.

The motion to remove solid waste from the agenda carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Pollock moved to delete Item 4. North Urbana Development from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Mr. Pollock requested to change his motion to table this for 30 days. Chairman Singer objected.

Mr. Pollock moved a substitute motion to table Item 4. to the first council meeting in April. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Pollock moved to reorder item 2. Parking Issues and item 3. Fiscal Plan Review to follow item 10. Free Standing Signs. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Chairman Singer stated that the question of fiscal planning is the most fundamental which faces the City Council. If Council is going to have a substantive impact on policy, it must consider the fiscal plan which is the basis for the upcoming budget, in adequate time to give the administration direction on the budget.

Mr. Pollock stated that this motion simply moves the item to the bottom of the agenda so all the items that staff people are here to address that we didn't get to last week can be gotten out of the way.

Ms. Patt agreed that putting the item to the end of the agenda does not mean that it will not be discussed. Whether we get to it tonight depends on how much time we waste on discussion of other items. Ms. Patt suggested that the Committee be economical in their use of time in discussing items.

The motion to reorder item 2. Parking Issues and item 3. Fiscal Plan Review to follow item 10. Free Standing Signs carried by voice vote.

### **Liquor Ordinance Amendment - New Class H License - Hotel/Motel**

Mr. Whelan stated his understanding that this issue deals with bars in hotel/motel rooms.

Assistant City Attorney Thomas Lindsey responded that it is lobby bars and guest self serve cabinets in the rooms. It is a Hotel Limited License. The in-room is available without limitation because it would be impossible to enforce an hour limitation.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that this amendment also provides for the applicant to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. We have had some interest from some of the new hotels coming in to Urbana to serve alcoholic beverages during that time period.

Ms. Patt moved to send Liquor Ordinance Amendment - New Class H License - Hotel/Motel to Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan and carried by a voice vote.

### **Chapter 15 Cleanup**

Ms. Ryan questioned how section 15.19.B - no person shall knowingly engage in fighting, effects self defense?

Mr. Lindsey stated that the fighting ordinance is intended to prevent the question of "who started it". It is to provide a tool when you do not know who started it.

Ms. Patt moved to deal with the sections one at a time.

Ms. Patt withdrew her motion.

Mr. Taylor moved to send section 3.24 to Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan.

Ms. Patt moved to amend the motion to delete section D. Possession Hotel or Motel Room No person under the age of 21 shall be in a hotel or motel room in the presence of alcohol or liquor in the absence of that person's parent or legal guardian. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan.

Following debate, Chairman Singer moved the previous question. The motion died for lack of second.

Following further debate, the motion to delete second D carried by a voice vote.

The motion to send section 3.24, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Taylor moved to send section 15.3 in its entirety to Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the motion to eliminate paragraph C. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Mr. Lindsey stated that no Council action would be necessary because that would leave the ordinance in its existing form.

Mr. Taylor withdrew his motion.

Mr. Taylor moved to send section 15.19 to Council. The motion died for lack of second.

Mr. Lindsey stated that section 15.19 of the ordinance "the fighting ordinance" is something that has been requested on several occasions by Urbana Police Officers to deal with a situation when it cannot be determined who is responsible for starting a fight.

Mr. Taylor moved to send section 15.19 to Council. The motion died for lack of second.

Mr. Taylor moved to send section 15.32 to Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Taylor moved to send section 15.35 to Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes. Ms. Patt moved to amend the motion to insert after the first comma in section A. where it reads any person who enters upon the land or any part thereof of another, to insert the words "except the invited guest of a lawful tenant". The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan. Following debate, the motion to amend carried by a voice vote. Mr. Taylor moved to table section 15.35. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Pollock moved to amend section 16.3 to be 30 days rather

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than 45 days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor. Ms. Patt moved to amend the motion to change 30 days to 10 days. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan and, following debate, failed by voice vote.

Chairman Singer stated that the original motion to amend section 16.3 to be 30 days rather than 45 days is on the floor. Ms. Patt moved to amend to change 45 days to 10 days. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan. Chairman Singer stated that the motion, as Mr. Pollock put it on the floor, was for 30 days. Ms. Patt questioned if that motion had failed. Chairman Singer stated that there was a vote that failed and Ms. Patt's motion would resurrect the motion at 10 days. Ms. Patt questioned if the motion died altogether. Chairman Singer stated that it did. Ms. Patt withdrew her motion.

Mr. Whelan moved to pass section 16.3 with 30 days rather than 45 days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pollock. Ms. Patt moved to amend to substitute 10 days for 30 days. The motion was seconded by Chairman Singer and carried by a voice. The motion, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Pollock moved that Staff bring all the changes to Chapter 15 back at the April meeting of the Committee on Environment and Public Safety along with the discussion of 15.35 that was previously tabled so that this can all be rewritten in proper form for Council action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

#### **Order Of Succession**

Chairman Singer moved to send Order Of Succession to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

#### **Clarification of Chair Selection - Plan Commission**

Chairman Singer moved that it is appropriate and ordinary for a committee to choose its own chair and recommended that the Plan Commission be given the same authority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pollock.

Following debate, Mr. Pollock moved to substitute An Ordinance Amending Section 18-18 Of The Urbana Code Of Ordinances Relating To Selection Of Plan Commission Chairman. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

#### **Ordinance Amending Section 2-118 Of The Code - Finances And Purchases**

Ms. Ryan moved to send an Ordinance Amending Section 2-118

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Of The Code - Finances And Purchases to Council. The motion was seconded by Chairman Singer and carried by a voice vote.

### **Free Standing Signs**

Chairman Singer stated that in the past, direction had been given to staff that requirements for spacing of signs in the City should be compatible with that on the interstate, which is 1,000 feet. Chairman Singer recommended that that direction be continued.

In response to a question from Mr. Pollock, Mr. Walden stated that his recollection of why this item has not been addressed is that it has not surfaced as a priority, given some of our other projects. To move this to a higher priority, the first issue would be the City's current agreement with C-U Poster, which is a court enforced agreement.

Chairman Singer stated this is the appropriate time to review the issue of free standing signs as the agreement with C-U Poster is reaching its expiration date.

Mr. Walden stated that staff is not prepared to discuss free standing signs at this meeting and inquired if staff could by memo identify to committee the issues involved in dealing with free standing signs? There was a general agreement that this was acceptable to the Committee.

### **Parking Issues**

Chairman Singer stated that this topic is on the agenda of the next Traffic Commission.

Ms. Patt stated that the issues related to parking which are of concern to her are permits, 3:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. zone, changing the zone Goodwin to Gregory, University to Springfield and questioned what is on the agenda for Traffic Commission.

Mr. Gray stated that he did not have an agenda with him, but discussion at the Commission level includes the direction on many of issues, one of which will be the 3:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. zone.

Mr. Pollock stated that he is doing a canvass on the area between Washington and Green Streets, from Race to both sides of Cedar, which is about a block and a half, concerning the 3 to 10 parking there. Following completion of that canvass, he will have recommendations. There was also a question concerning the lack of handicapped parking at the post office.

Mr. Gray stated that the items discussed at Traffic Commission will be brought to Council for review.

Mr. Pollock suggested that the items from Traffic Commission come to a Committee for discussion before going to Council.

### **Fiscal Policy**

Chairman Singer stated that a revision of the TIF I and TIF II Cash Flows was distributed to Committee because of a glitch. Also, there is a summary of the total amount of TIF property tax taken from all taxing bodies starting in 1987.

Chairman Singer read a draft preamble he has prepared in the event it is needed. It states "Whereas, the City of Urbana finds it desirable to establish a multi-year financial planning framework prior to the adoption of its annual budget, and Whereas, the City intends that the services it provides shall not require an increasing fraction

of personal income in the form of property taxes. Whereas, the City recognizes that accomplishing this goal will require limiting total employee compensation to rise no faster than the regional general rate of inflation. and Whereas, the City also determines that accomplishing this goal requires no increase beyond the general rate of inflation of the net aggregate Tax Increment Financing revenues from taxing authorities relying on the same property base as the City. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS:

Ms. Patt questioned the meaning of "an increasing fraction of personal income in the form of property taxes". Chairman Singer responded that this means basically to keep the property tax rate constant or do not raise property taxes faster than inflation.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that presently the recommendation is that the property tax rate be kept constant at \$1.56. He questioned if this preamble suggests that if inflation goes higher than our property tax base, then the property tax can also rise? Chairman Singer stated that is correct. It is a minor difference of three quarters of a percent per year under the present assumptions.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that employee compensation is rising faster than the general rate of inflation and stated his understanding that Chairman Singer is suggesting that the City cap employee compensation to the general inflation rate; insurance and other benefits, as well as salary.

Mr. Whelan called for the orders of the day.

Mr. Pollock moved to suspend the rules and extend the meeting for fifteen minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and

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failed by voice vote.

**Adjournment**

The motion to extend the meeting having failed, Chairman Singer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor  
Recording Secretary

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