

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1996

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 2, 1996 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor, and Whelan - 7; absent: none.

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Tod Satterthwaite.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 1995 meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt.

Alderwoman Ryan requested to amended the minutes on page 4, paragraph 2 by changing the spelling of "dependents" to "dependence" and page 5 in the third paragraph of e. Res. No. 9596-R18: A Resolution On The Intent And Purpose Of The Urbana Human Rights Ordinance to change "It was the consensus" to "Several members". There was no objection.

Alderman Taylor requested to amend the minutes on page 4, paragraph 6, to change "staff" to "third party". There was no objection.

Alderman Whelan requested to amend the minutes on page 2 under Earl O'Shea's comments to add following "support." "for a

need for better government." There was no objection.

The minutes, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following people addressed the Council in opposition to a 25-unit SRO and requested that the Council consider a smaller 10 or 12 unit instead:

John Dorsey, 301 W. Locust
Lyn Petrie, 204 Wood
Carl and Jean Reisman, 305 W. Locust
Sharon Monday-Dorsey, 301 W. Locust
Greg Springer, The Hood, 206 Wood
Lee Petrie Springer, The Hood
Joe Pavia, 124 W. Main, Attorney for Downtown Neighborhood Association
J.B. Prisatti, 306 W. Delaware
Mary A. Johnson, 1312 N. Broadway Avenue
Dorothy Neumann, 301 W. Griggs
Caroline Hibbard, 202 E. Oregon
Grace Floyd, 1009 Harrington Drive, Champaign

The following people addressed the Council in support of a 25 unit SRO:

Deloris Evans, 2006 Winchester Drive
Sandy Lewis, representing the Mental Health Center
Jim Rose, representing the Mental Health Center
Melissa Porter, 506 E. Church, Champaign
Jennifer Berkshire, 408 W. Elm
Melody Decker, 506 E. Church
Carol Shupp, 507 W. Vermont
Robert Hicks, 119 E. University
Robert Tapley, 119 E. University
Alan Templeton, 123 E. University
Paul Oliphint, representing the Mental Health Board

Theryl Newland, 1813 Ridge Park, addressed the Council to

state that whatever plan was chosen for the SRO should be better thought out and planned more carefully.

Susan Pinnell, 207 W. Griggs, and B.C. Hayes, 303 W. Griggs, were in opposition to the SRO but chose not to speak.

In support of the SRO but choosing not to speak, were Dennis Cockrum, 1111 W. Daniel, Champaign, and Sheila Ferguson, representing the Mental Health Center.

Mayor Satterthwaite declared a recess at 9:25 p.m. The Council reconvened at 9:35 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

OLD BUSINESS

Ord. No. 9596-63: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing Execution Of An Urbana HOME Program Recipient Agreement In Connection With Homestead Apartments SRO was on the floor from a previous meeting.

Grants Management Division Manager Bruce Stoffel presented information on costs, revision of Section 13 of option two, schematic of the proposed building, and a map of the route to be taken when moving the building from the former Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul.

Following debate regarding costs, funding, management, and the liability to the City, Alderman Pollock moved to amend the motion to delete existing section 12 of option 2 and replace it with the memo distributed at this meeting regarding indemnification from the Mental Health Center which states: "The

Mental Health Center agrees to defend the City from and against any claims, suits, or actions for death or injury to persons or damage to property brought against the City arising from any alleged claims, acts, or omissions in connection with this Recipient Agreement, including development of the Project, whether or not suit is filed, unless such claim, suit, or cause of action was based solely upon the negligence of the City, its employees, agents, or contractors. Additionally, the Mental Health Center shall indemnify the City for any sums the City becomes obligated to pay as damages arising out of such circumstances except to the extent such damages are due to the negligence of the City, its employees, agents, or contractors." The motion was seconded by Alderman Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Pollock moved to amend Option 2, page 9, to add item 26 which would state: The Mental Health Center will provide to the City of Urbana and Cunningham Township a total annual payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$1,500 for the term of the agreement which would increase the 1996 HOME Grant contribution from the City of Champaign increase by \$15,000 to \$108,082 and the City of Urbana HOME Grant contribution increase by \$7,500 to \$54,041. The motion was seconded by Alderman Taylor. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Pollock moved that option number 2 is on the floor for discussion. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman

Kearns.

Alderwoman Ryan moved to amend option 2, item number 15, to add the following words to the end of that paragraph to read:

"If the City purchases and develops the property, any development will be done per the provisions of the Subdivision and Land Development Code for Storm Water Management." The motion was seconded by Alderman Taylor. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderwoman Ryan moved to amend item 19, first paragraph, by deleting the bold faced, underlined wording that was added to item 19 in the revision, and replace it with "or any other discrimination prohibited by Urbana law." The motion was seconded by Alderman Pollock and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Taylor moved to delete the 35 unit option. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Whelan offered a substitute motion to change the emphasis of this effort to less units, to consider 9 to 12 units, and start over to include directing staff to review the need for the SRO and the potential problems that could be experienced, and that the management group be more clearly defined and provide the Council with credentials of professional experience in the management of an SRO. Also to include that another location, as well as the Griggs Street location, be considered and that any neighbors near the chosen location be included in discussions

from the onset. The motion was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

Following debate, Alderman Taylor moved to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Pollock took the Chair and Mayor Satterthwaite entered debate.

Following further debate, Alderman Whelan's motion failed 2-5 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Taylor and Whelan - 2; voting nay: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, and Ryan - 5.

Mayor Satterthwaite resumed the Chair.

Alderman Taylor moved to extend the meeting until 12:00 midnight. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Following debate, the motion to approve the recipient agreement for the 25 unit proposal, as amended, carried 5-2 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock and Ryan; voting nay: Taylor and Whelan - 2.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Administration and Finance

Alderman Pollock stated that the next regular meeting of the Committee on Administration and Finance will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, January 8, 1996, in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

Committee on Environment and Public Safety

Aldерwoman Ryan stated that the next regular meeting of the Committee on Environment and Public Safety will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, January 22, 1996, in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alderman Taylor stated that he will be meeting with City Attorney Jack Waaler and City Clerk Phyllis Clark to review closed meeting minutes in the near future.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that the Human Relations Commission has rescheduled their meetings. There will be a Public Hearing regarding the Human Rights Ordinance on January 10, 1996 and a meeting of the Commission on January 17, 1996. Mayor Satterthwaite stated that he would like to call a special meeting to consider any changes to the Human Rights Ordinance on January 22, 1996 following the meeting of the Committee on Environment and Public Safety.

NEW BUSINESS

Aldерwoman Kearns moved to approve Ordinance No. 9596-65 An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City of Urbana (Former Wabash Railroad Right-Of-Way). The motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Patt and carried 6-2 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, and Mayor Satterthwaite - 6; voting nay: Taylor and Whelan - 2.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.