

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor



Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 1996**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session Tuesday, January 16, 1996 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Hayes, James Jr. (Alderman Ward 3)
Kearns, Carolyn (Alderwoman Ward 4)
Patt, Esther (Alderwoman Ward 1)
Pollock, Michael (Alderman Ward 5)
Ryan, Marya (Alderwoman Ward 2)
Taylor, John (Alderman Ward 7)
Whelan, Joseph (Alderman Ward 6)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk
Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrator Officer
Jack Waaler, City Attorney
Eddie Adair, Chief of Police
William Pessemier, Fire Chief
April D. Getchius, Community Development Director
Bruce Stoffel, Grants Management Division Manager
Karen Rasmussen, Grants Coordinator I

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Springer; Lee Petrie-Springer; Jean Reisman; Freida I. Wascher; Earl O'Shea; Media

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Satterthwaite.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderwoman Patt moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 1996. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Greg Springer, 206 Wood, spoke in opposition to the SRO.

Lee Petrie-Springer, 206 Wood, spoke in support of a better government.

Jean Reisman, 305 W. Locust, spoke regarding neighborhood development and in opposition to the SRO.

Freida I. Wascher, 803 W. Fairview, representing United Citizens And Neighbors (UCAN), spoke in support of the subrecipient agreement for UCAN.

Earl O'Shea, 606-A Glover, addressed the Council on the topic of Urbana not doing better government and expressed his support for a need for better government.

D. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

E. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee on Administration & Finance

a. *A Resolution Approving And Adopting Amended Guidelines For The Neighborhood Organization Grant*

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve and was seconded by Alderman Hayes. Alderman Pollock then explained that the version of the guidelines he was moving to approve was sent from Committee. There were changes made on both the staff memo received in the packet and suggested amendments by a Council Member.

Alderwoman Patt addressed the following questions to Bruce Stoffel:

1) In staff's proposal, one of the activities that would be an ineligible activity would be "Sponsorship of voter registration drive." Can you explain to us why that would be listed as an ineligible activity?

Mr. Stoffel responded that the Community Development Block Grant regulations prohibit political

activity, use of CDBG funds by subrecipients for political activity. That is specifically defined as encompassing three things: a) sponsorship of candidate forms; b) sponsorship of voter registration drives; and c) provision of transportation to polling places.

These are specifically excluded from funding eligibility.

2) Do CDBG guidelines actually mention anything about supporting candidates for public office? Is that one of the things listed as a political activity?

Mr. Stoffel responded that this language was not specifically used.

3) The last point on your list of items is papering windshields with flyers, meeting notices, or other information. Did that come from CDBG?

Mr. Stoffel's response was that it came from staff because of a lot of trouble in the downtown area where information being passed around ended up being cleaned-up by our Public works crews.

4) Is the concern because of things going on windshields or litter?

Mr. Stoffel said that the concern was litter. It gets wet, disintegrates, or blows all over.

Alderman Pollock clarified, as a point of information, that the version on the floor is not the one listed with the staff recommendation, but the one that was actually in the Council packets that lists the five ineligible uses of funds.

Alderwoman Patt stated that she would like the motion amended to include everything on the list in the staff memo, except for "papering windshields with flyers, meeting notices, or other information" under the description of "Lobbying"; and to add under "Ineligible Uses", but not under "Lobbying", the "papering of windshields with flyers, meeting notices, or other information." She further added with this amendment the second of the three bullets on the memo she presented to Council which stated, "expenses related to producing written materials that do not prominently state the name of the organization disseminating the information", also as an ineligible use, but not as part of the definition of lobbying.

Mr. Stoffel stated that what staff was trying to separate those activities that related to the electoral process from those related to the legislative process. Staff's recommendation was to retain those in the legislative sphere, eliminate those in the electoral sphere, and try to define in specific terms what was meant by activities in the electoral sphere.

Following debate, Alderman Pollock stated that the motion on the floor would be: 1) Engineering architectural and design cost; 2) Expenses related to neighborhood projects; 3) Expenses related to campaigning; 4) Expenses related to false information; and 5) Expenses related to litigation against the City. That would be amended by adding lobbying with all the bullets as recommended by staff, with the exception of the last one that has to do with papering windshields, and adding after lobbying another bullet that states expenses related to producing written materials that do not indicate the name of the organization.

The motion on the amendments carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Pollock moved the addition under the final bullet of the last point Alderwoman Patt included which read: "Expenses related to direct communication with elected officials for the purpose of influencing a vote, etc." Alderman Whelan seconded.

Alderwoman Patt asked if she could make a friendly amendment to change it to read: "Expenses related to repetitive communications?" Both Alderpersons Pollock and Whelan were in agreement with the amendment.

The motion on the amendment carried by a voice vote.

The vote on the main motion to approve was as follows:

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderwoman Ryan - Aye
Alderwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Nay
Alderman Pollock - Aye	

Disposition: The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:1-nay). "A Resolution Approving And Adopting Amended Guidelines For The Neighborhood Organization Grant" was adopted by Council.

Before going on to the next item of business, Alderman Pollock asked that staff submit a list to the Council which summarizes the changes that were made listing the ineligible uses.

b. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Execution Of A Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement With Urbana Teen Outreach Center Under The Neighborhood Organization Grant Program FY1995-1996

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve.
Alderman Taylor seconded.

Alderwoman Patt made a motion to amend Attachment A (Equal Employment Opportunity Certification), § 1 which states, "... it will be bound by said equal opportunity clause ...", to insert the words, "and to the provisions of the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance." The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. There were no objections.

Alderman Taylor inquired if it was permissible to modify a HUD form? Mr. Stoffel stated that it was acceptable to modify, as long as we meet their requirements.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderwoman Ryan - Aye
Alderwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	

Disposition: The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). "A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Execution Of A Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement With Urbana Teen Outreach Center Under The Neighborhood Organization Grant Program FY1995-1996" was adopted by Council.

c. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Execution Of A Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement With United Citizens And Neighbors Under The Neighborhood Organization Grant Program FY1995-1996

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve.
Alderman Hayes seconded.

Alderwoman Patt asked to also add in the Equal

Employment Opportunity Certification for this resolution the reference to the Human Rights Ordinance. There were no objections.

Alderman Whelan stated his opposition noting that there would be neighborhoods that would not be funded by this money and he believed this to be unfortunate. He stated that he respects this neighborhood group and supports their interest in coordinating their efforts to protect their neighborhood and park. However, he also supports the neighborhood that will be impacted by the SRO, as well as other neighborhoods in Myra Ridge for the impact that the Meijer's store might have had on them. He concluded by stating that to use City monies to fund such efforts is unnecessary and a misuse of City funds.

Alderwoman Patt stated that she believed this to be a good use of City funds. One of the things talked about throughout the discussion of the Carle Master Site Plan and the Development Agreement was the special challenge posed by the need to preserve a neighborhood for a long period of time; a generation of 25 years. These funds will help the neighborhood develop as an organization in a way that, hopefully, will be beneficial to the neighborhood and to meeting that challenge of intermediate range preservation.

Alderman Pollock stated that he could not support the motion without more information about how the funds were going to be used.

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderwoman Ryan - Aye
Alderwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Nay
Alderman Pollock - Nay	

Disposition: The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (5-aye:2-nay). "A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Execution Of A Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement With United Citizens And Neighbors Under The Neighborhood Organization Grant Program FY1995-1996" was adopted by Council.

Alderman Pollock made a motion to reconsider "A Resolution Approving Revised Guidelines To Neighborhood Organization Grants. Alderwoman Patt seconded.

Alderman Pollock inquired if the clause being

discussed under the lobbying definition which states, "Hiring an individual or individuals to represent an organization or its position before elected officials or appointed public officials", was a problem in terms of trying to decide whether a group was in violation by having contact with a council or staff member? Mr. Stoffel responded that it goes back to #3 on Alderwoman Patt's list referring to the hiring of an individual who would actually come before the Council on behalf of the residents as a "paid lobbyist" and speak to council members personally as a paid lobbyist. Alderman Pollock wanted to know what would happen if the hired consultant comes up with information that the neighborhood wants to share with the Council and the grant pays for postage and printing of letters to be mailed to the Council informing them of that information. Mr. Stoffel stated that this would be perfectly reasonable.

d. *An Agreement Between The City Of Urbana And The Public Health District Regarding Joint Issuance Of Restaurant Licenses/Permit*

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve.
Alderman Whelan seconded.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Alderman Hayes - Aye	Alderwoman Ryan - Aye
Alderwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	

Disposition: The motion to approve carried by a roll call vote (7-Aye:0-Nay). "An Agreement Between The City Of Urbana And The Public Health District Regarding Joint Issuance Of Restaurant Licenses/Permit" was approved by Council.

With nothing further to report, Alderman Pollock concluded by stating that the next meeting of the Committee on Administration & Finance is scheduled for February 12, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. Committee on Environment & Public Safety

There being no business on tonight's agenda, Alderwoman Ryan stated that the next meeting of the Committee on Environment & Public Safety would be January 22, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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F. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alderman Pollock stated that there would be a Cable Commission meeting tomorrow evening, January 17, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. at the Champaign City Building.

G. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were none.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. *A Resolution In Support Of Continued State Funding Of Intercity Passenger Rail Service*

Mayor Satterthwaite explained that Governor Edgar, within the last week or so, indicated that State funds for passenger rail service were again in jeopardy. He asked specifically for local people in governments to let their feelings and positions be known on State funding of passenger rail service. The intent of this resolution is to let the Governor and other State politicians know that the City of Urbana is in favor of continuing this State funding because it is a vital concern to Urbana and Champaign County.

Alderwoman Patt moved to approve and was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan.

Disposition: The motion to approve carried by voice vote. "A Resolution In Support Of Continued State Funding Of Intercity Passenger Rail Service" was adopted by Council.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.