

SPECIAL MEETING  
URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1996

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in special session at 8:00 p.m., Monday, January 22, 1996 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Ryan, Taylor, and Whelan - 6; absent: Pollock - 1.

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by Mayor Satterthwaite.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that the purpose of this meeting is to consider An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections Of The Human Rights Ordinance (dealing with the definitions of matriculation and source of income).

Assistant City Attorney Stephen Holz was present to answer any legal questions regarding the Human Rights Ordinance.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that if there is no objection, the remainder of the Public Input from the meeting of the Committee on Environment & Public Safety which was recessed to convene this meeting, would be heard at this special meeting.

Barbara Pritchard, 1317 E. Florida, representing PACE, Bernadine Evans Stake, 304 W. Iowa, and Marc Miller, 1707 S. Vine, representing the Urbana Human Relations Commission, addressed the

Council in support of the Human Rights Ordinance.

Gregory L. Ryan, 1402 Adams, attorney representing Town & Country Apartments, addressed the Council in opposition to the Human Rights Ordinance.

Alderwoman Patt moved to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, "Human Rights" Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, amended to add in Section 12-37. Intent and Purpose, following "prior arrest or conviction record or source of income" the following: "or any other discrimination based upon categorizing or classifying a person rather than evaluating a person's unique qualifications relevant to an opportunity in housing, employment, credit or access to public accommodations." Also, in Section 12-39. Definitions. Matriculation. following "The condition of being enrolled in college or a university," add: "whether as an undergraduate, graduate or professional student in any area of study, full-time or part-time, in either a degree or non-degree program,". Under Source of Income. following "from federal, state or local payments," include: "including Section 8 or any other rent subsidy or rent assistance program,". Alderwoman Ryan inquired if Alderwoman Patt intended to include the language fro Staff under Section 12-39 under Definition of Discrimination where it was also added "or any sub-class of the above groups"? Alderwoman Patt indicated that was her intent. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan.

Following debate, Alderman Taylor moved to table Section

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12-37 until the City Council meeting on February 5, 1996. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Alderwoman Patt took the Chair and Mayor Satterthwaite entered debate.

Following further debate, the motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, "Human Rights" Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, as amended, carried 5-1 by roll call. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Ryan and Taylor - 5; voting nay: Whelan - 1.

Mayor Satterthwaite resumed the Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

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

Minutes as amended February 5, 1996.