

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1996

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 7, 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.

Also present were staff members: Chief Adair, Chief Pessemier, April Getchius, Bruce Stoffel, William Gray, Stephen Holtz, Mike Nickols, Mayor Satterthwaite, City Clerk Phyllis Clark, and members of the media.

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Aldерwoman Patt moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 1996 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Satterthwaite requested that item 5. Ord. No. 9697-44: Ordinance Approving An Agreement With The Weisiger Family Trust under New Business be moved to item 2 under New Business due to the number of people present with interest in the issue. There was no objection.

## PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stephen Kaufman, 2009 George Huff, addressed the Council in regard to an unfortunate incident which occurred in Urbana on Sunday, October 6, in which a group of Tibetan Monks had religious items and musical instruments stolen from their vehicle.

Earl O'Shea, 606A South Glover, addressed the Council on the topic of better government and his problems with his neighbor.

Frieda Wascher, 804 W. Fairview, addressed the Council in support of An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City Of Urbana And Acquired Under The Community Development Block Grant Program (1307 West Beech Street).

Theryl Newland, 1813 Ridge Park, addressed the Council to express her dismay at the situation with the Tibetan Monks and regarding the approval of preliminary and final plats at the same time.

Ms. Ho, 302 South Birch, representing the Vietnamese community in Lincoln Mobile Home Park, addressed the Council regarding their concerns about moving their mobile homes and what they will do if their homes cannot be moved.

Dorothy Owens, 303 Lexington, addressed the Council regarding what will be done for the people whose mobile homes have been condemned by the City.

Wanda Garrett, 308 Lexington, addressed the Council regarding her concerns about the advance notice for moving trailers stating she had only been given two days notice and her trailer needs repairs before it can be moved.

Gene Weisiger, 305 West Michigan, was present to answer questions regarding the moves from Lincoln Mobile Home Park and to answer the concerns which were voiced previously at the meeting.

Bryan Dolton, 127 Cedar Circle, addressed the Council to ask what he is supposed to do, he can't move his home after having done extensive work to it because either the home doesn't qualify or he doesn't.

Victoria Forbes, 45 Northwood, addressed the Council to state that she is the person responsible for scheduling the moving of the trailers and that there have been no problems with the moves. There have been problems getting some people into parks because of credit issues or other lifestyle problems.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

#### **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, October 14, 1996, in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

**Committee on Environment and Public Safety**

Alderwoman Ryan moved to approve **Ord. No. 9697-40: An Ordinance Amending The Annual Budget (U-Cycle)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 7-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor and Mayor Satterthwaite - 7; voting nay: Whelan - 1.

Alderwoman Ryan moved to approve **Ord. No. 9697-41: An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate Owned By The City Of Urbana And Acquired Under The Community Development Block Grant Program (1307 West Beech Street)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes and carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor, Whelan and Mayor Satterthwaite - 8; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Ryan moved to adopt **Res. No. 9697-R12: A Resolution Amending The Urbana Consortium And City Of Urbana Consolidated Plan For Program Years 1995-1999 (Employment Training Needs Assessment)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Aldерwoman Ryan moved to adopt **Res. No. 9697-R13: A Resolution Directing Staff To Notify Residents Of Blocks Where Parking Meters Are Proposed**. The motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Patt.

Aldерwoman Ryan moved to amend a typographical error in the fifth line where it states "satisfied that the City staff has caused a **coy**," coy should be **copy**. The motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Patt and carried by a voice vote.

The motion to adopt **Res. No. 9697-R13: A Resolution Directing Staff To Notify Residents Of Blocks Where Parking Meters Are Proposed** carried by a voice vote.

Aldерwoman Ryan stated that the next regular meeting of the Committee on Environment and Public Safety will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 28, 1996, in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Aldерwoman Kearns called Council attention to the updated information from the Library Task Force which she presented to them at this meeting. The next meeting of the Task Force is Wednesday, October 9, 1996 at 7:30 a.m.

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

There were none.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Taylor stated that **Policy Regarding Handicapped Accessible Parking On City Streets** was put on the

agenda by Alderwoman Kearns and himself as a result of discussion which presented a problem at the Traffic Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 1996. Staff requested Council direction regarding the policy of putting handicapped parking in front of stores when parking space is limited.

Alderman Taylor requested that this item be put on the agenda of the Committee on Administration and Finance on Monday, October 14, 1996 for discussion.

Community Development Director April Getchius presented background on **Ord. No. 9697-44: An Ordinance Approving An Agreement With The Weisiger Family Trust.**

The purpose of the ordinance is to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Weisiger Family Trust for voluntary relocation of mobile homes in the Lincoln Mobile Home Park.

The agreement requires Mr. Weisiger to be responsible for moving costs of the homes. The City will loan Mr. Weisiger up to \$70,000, secured by a mortgage, to be repaid at the closing when Capstone purchases the property.

If Capstone chose not to develop the site, the City has a mortgage on the park and the loan would accrue interest at 7.5%. The City would be reimbursed for the loan when the park was sold or redeveloped.

There was extensive debate concerning where some homes would be relocated, the possibility of people not being able to

relocate due to their financial situations or condition of their homes, whether the \$500 grant for people who move their homes will be paid to people who purchase different homes, whether the children will be able to continue to attend King School, who will pay for damage incurred during the move, and the City's involvement in this project. Following this debate, Alderman Whelan moved to approve **Ord. No. 9697-44: An Ordinance Approving An Agreement With The Weisiger Family Trust.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

Following further debate, Alderwoman Ryan moved to table the ordinance until a complete plan could be presented. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt.

Mayor Satterthwaite requested that the motion to table be defeated. Alderwoman Ryan withdrew the motion. There was no objection from the seconder.

Alderman Pollock requested a five minute recess at 9:35 p.m. There were no objections.

The meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

Alderwoman Ryan moved to table **Ord. No. 9697-44: An Ordinance Approving An Agreement With The Weisiger Family Trust.** The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and failed by a show of hands vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Pollock took the Chair and Mayor Satterthwaite entered debate to speak in support of the original motion to approve the ordinance.

Alderman Whelan moved to defer **Ord. No. 9697-44: An Ordinance Approving An Agreement With The Weisiger Family Trust.**

The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt.

**Ord. No. 9697-44: An Ordinance Approving An Agreement With The Weisiger Family Trust** was deferred.

Ms. Getchius presented **Ord No. 9697-42: An Ordinance Approving A Preliminary And Final Plat Sunnycrest Apartments II Subdivision** for Council consideration.

Following debate, Alderman Whelan moved to approve **Ord. No. 9697-42: An Ordinance Approving A Preliminary And Final Plat Sunnycrest Apartments II Subdivision.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Taylor and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor and Whelan - 7; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Kearns moved to approve **Ord. No. 9697-39: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (Vineyard Christian Fellowship/1500 N. Lincoln Avenue).** The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor and Whelan - 7; voting nay: none.



Alderwoman Kearns moved to approve Ord. No. 9697-43:

**An Ordinance Approving A Preliminary And Final Plat Coler**

**Subdivision (Plan Case 1623-S-96)**. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor and Whelan - 7; voting nay: none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Tod Satterthwaite  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

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