

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY
FEBRUARY 24, 1997
7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt, Michael Pollock,
John Taylor, and Joseph Whelan

Committee Members Absent:

Marya Ryan

Staff Members Present:

Jack Waaler, April Getchius, Bruce Walden, Bill Gray, Bruce
Stoffel, Jay Getz, Reed Berger, Glenn Berman, Chief Adair,
Phyllis Clark, and Mayor Satterthwaite

Others Present:

Earl O'Shea, John Lee Johnson, Lillian Sharpley and Members
of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana School District Office, 205 N. Race Street

There being a quorum, in Chairperson Ryan's absence, Vice-
Chair Patt called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Ms. Kearns moved to approve the minutes of the January 27,
1997 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Whelan requested to amend the minutes on page 3,
paragraphs 5 and 6 to add an "o" to "to" making it "too"; and on page
6 to change paragraph 3 from "Mr. Whelan stated his appreciation, and
the appreciation of the people of his ward, for the addition of this
buffer." to "Mr. Whelan stated that he tried, with the help of staff
for a larger buffer and stated his acceptance and the acceptance of
the people in his ward for the addition of this buffer." There were
no objections.

Public Input

Earl O'Shea, 606A S. Glover, addressed the Committee on the topic of better government.

John Lee Johnson, representing Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement (ICCI), addressed the Committee in support of **An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To An Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (ICCI - HomeBuild Program)**.

Review of Traffic Commission Minutes

There were no comments on these minutes.

A Resolution Amending The Urbana Home Consortium And City Of Urbana Consolidated Plan For Program Years 1995-1999, The Annual Action Plan For Program Year 1995-1996, And The Annual Action Plan For Program Year 1996-1997 and An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (CDBG Program)

Grants Management Manager Bruce Stoffel stated that these items are related for the purposes of discussion and gave the staff presentation on them simultaneously.

There are three primary changes to the plan at this time. These changes are in the Urbana section only.

The first change is an amendment to the Consolidated Plan under the Section Strategic Five Year Plan. This amendment adds support for programs described by Mr. Johnson and places it in our plan following the goal of renovation of 250 single family owner occupied units.

The second change is an amendment to the 1995-96 Annual Action Plan Component of the Consolidated Plan. The original budget included \$79,500 that was set aside to acquire property to be used in the ICCI HomeBuild program. There was a small amount left over in that item, and this amendment allows flexibility in use of those funds for purchase of other property without having the purchase tied to an ICCI sponsored program.

The third change is an amendment to the current year annual action plan, under the CDBG program. There are four changes being proposed to that program. These are the items reflected in the budget amendment.

Economic Development Manager Reed Berger stated that the

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difference between Score and the Small Business Development Center is that Score is a voluntary organization set up to take in those businesses inquiring at the Chamber of Commerce. They are not set up the same as the Small Business Development Center. The Small Business Development Center provides a broader range of services and in this case, is accountable to the City of Urbana; Score is not accountable to the City of Urbana.

Lillian Sharpley, Consultant with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), stated that one distinction between Score and the Small Business Development Center is that Score typically deals with new start-ups and SBDC deals with new start-up as well as existing businesses.

Mr. Stoffel stated that the \$31,000 to be taken out of Rehab represents funds that will not be utilized by June 30, 1997 due to lack of staff capacity. The recommendation is that those funds be immediately put to use for other programs that would require support.

Mr. Taylor moved to send A Resolution Amending The Urbana Home Consortium And City Of Urbana Consolidated Plan For Program Years 1995-1999, The Annual Action Plan For Program Year 1995-1996, And The Annual Action Plan For Program Year 1996-1997 to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated his support for the program.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Kearns moved to send An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pollock and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To An Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (ICCI - HomeBuild Program) and An Ordinance To Approve An Agreement To Sell Certain Real Estate (702 West Sunset)

Mr. Stoffel stated that the above ordinances are somewhat related and he will discuss them together.

An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To An Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (ICCI - HomeBuild Program) would allow an amendment to an existing agreement between the City, in its capacity as the lead entity for the HOME Consortium, and the Illinois Center For Citizen Involvement, in its capacity as administrator of the HomeBuild Program.

The essence of the original agreement was to pledge down-

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payment assistance to ICCI's home buyers and to provide, over a 24 month period, administrative support. This amendment would not add any additional funding to this agreement. It would allow expansion of the type of expenses that would be available for reimbursement.

An Ordinance To Approve An Agreement To Sell Certain Real Estate (702 West Sunset) is connected to the above agreement because one of the conditions of the HomeBuild Agreement with ICCI was that the City would donate a total of eight lots for the HomeBuild Program. At the time of the original agreement, Council authorized the transfer of seven lots, this is the eighth lot.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved to send An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To An Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (ICCI - HomeBuild Program) to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns.

Following further debate, the motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock and Taylor - 5; voting nay: Whelan - 1.

Ms. Kearns moved to send An Ordinance To Approve An Agreement To Sell Certain Real Estate (702 West Sunset) to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Following debate, the motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock and Taylor - 5; voting nay: Whelan - 1.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Vice-Chair Patt declared the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

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

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