

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

July 24, 2000  
7:30 P.M.

### Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Laura Huth (Chair), Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt, Joseph Whelan (arrived at 7:38 pm), and Ruth Wyman - 6.

### Committee Members Absent:

John Taylor -1 (excused).

### Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Eddie Adair, Glenn Berman, Bill Gray, Paul Lindahl, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Jack Waaler, and Bruce Walden

### Others Present:

Geraldine McLane and Members of the Media

### Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

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There being a quorum, Chair Huth called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

### Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mayor Satterthwaite requested that a closed session to discuss probable and pending litigation be added at the end of the agenda. There were no objections.

Mayor Satterthwaite read a letter from the Urbana Champaign Sanitary District outlining the terms of the agreement that states that any new sanitary sewer connections would be available only to Champaign, Urbana and Savoy. There will be no new sanitary sewer hook ups to new municipalities unless the provisions of the intergovernmental agreement have been satisfied. Boundary agreements of the new municipality must be negotiated with Champaign, Urbana and Savoy.

Mr. Hayes reminded the public going to the County Fair to heed the no parking signs that are in effect during the fair.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mrs. Kearns moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2000 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

### Public Input

There was none.

### Ordinances from Traffic Commission:

Engineering and Administrative Manager Glenn Berman presented staff report on Ord. No. 2000-07-070: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Sunset Drive); Ord. No. 2000-07-071: An Ordinance Amending Schedule K of Section 23-184 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking During Certain Hours on Certain Streets (Broadway Avenue); and Ord. No. 2000-07-072: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at Certain Intersections (Ivanhoe Way at Lanore Drive and Somer Drive at Lincoln Avenue)

Ordinance No. 2000-07-070 is for the removal of parking on the north side of Sunset Drive from Lincoln Avenue to Coler Avenue. Vehicles often park on both sides of Sunset Drive making the driving lane too narrow for emergency vehicles to travel safely. Eliminating parking on one side of Sunset Drive will alleviate this problem.

Ordinance No. 2000-07-071 is for the removal of parking on the west side of Broadway Avenue from Michigan Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue. The prohibition of parking would only be on school days between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. When vehicles are parked on both sides of this block, the driving lane becomes very narrow. The restriction of parking on the west side of Broadway during times school is in session should alleviate this problem.

Ordinance No. 2000-07-072 establishes stop signs on Somer Drive at Lincoln Avenue and on Ivanhoe Way at Lanore Drive. Both of these streets are t-intersection streets that terminate at a through street. Proper traffic control warrants a stop sign to control traffic entering the through street.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved by omnibus motion to forward Ord. No. 2000-07-070: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Sunset Drive); Ord. No. 2000-07-071: An Ordinance Amending Schedule K of Section 23-184 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking During Certain Hours on Certain Streets (Broadway Avenue); and Ord. No. 2000-07-072: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop

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Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Ord. No. 2000-073: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Fire Thermal Imaging Cameras)

Fire Chief Rex Mundt presented staff report on Ord. No. 2000-073: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Fire Thermal Imaging Cameras) stating A thermal Imaging camera relies not on reflective light but on thermal, or infrared heat energy, emitted by all objects. It takes that thermal picture, turns it into an electrical picture and translates it into a video image. Thermal imagers provide vision capability with zero light because they don't need visible light.

Some uses of the thermal imaging camera include: heat source locations, structural stability, search and rescue, spot fires in adjacent locations, best entry into burning structures, and many more.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to send Ord. No. 2000-073: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Fire Thermal Imaging Cameras) to Council with recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Discussion: Approval of the Amendment to the Housing Authority Agreement to Include Resident Representation on the HACC Board

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that there is nothing to report on this item at this time. Ms. Wyman requested that this discussion be forwarded to the August 14, 2000 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Review of Closed Session Minutes

City Attorney Jack Waaler stated that due to other more pressing issues, he has not had an opportunity to review these minutes. Mr. Whelan moved that the closed session minutes be on the agenda of the August 14, 2000 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Discussion of Elected Officials Salaries

Ms. Kearns moved to amend Ordinance No. 2000-05-061: An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of City Officers Who Are Elected for a Definite Term (Term Beginning May 2001) to amend the Mayor's salary to \$44,094 and the City Clerk's salary to \$38,785. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Ms. Kearns spoke to the motion stating that in a discussion of township salaries at a recent

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township meeting, it was suggested the Assessor's salary be raised to \$44,000 and the Supervisor's salary be raised to \$40,000. Such raises are not consistent with the ten- percent increase for the four-year term beginning May 2001 for the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, which was approved at the June 5, 2000 City Council meeting.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved a substitute motion that only the salary of the City Clerk be increased. The motion died for lack of a second.

The motion to amend **Ordinance No. 2000-05-061: An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of City Officers Who Are Elected for a Definite Term (Term Beginning May 2001)** by raising the salary of the Mayor to \$44,094 and the salary of the City Clerk to \$38,785 carried by 5-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt and Wyman – 5; voting nay: Whelan – 1.

### **Closed Session**

Mr. Hayes moved that the Committee enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Whelan, and Wyman – 6; voting nay: none.

The Committee entered into closed session at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:22 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Huth declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor  
Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was taped.

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

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