

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

August 28, 2000

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Laura Huth, Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt, John Taylor (Chair), and Ruth Wyman - 6.

Committee Members Absent:

Joseph Whelan –1 (excused).

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Eddie Adair, Reed Berger, April Getchius, Bill Gray, Steve Holz, Libby Tyler, and Bruce Walden

Others Present:

John Marlin, Joe Kilman, Ginny Dewar, Charles Brock, and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

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

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mr. Hayes requested to move **item 11. Discussion – Alderman Whelan’s Proposals for Council Terms and Wards** to the September 11, 2000 meeting of the Committee of the Whole due to Mr. Whelan’s absence at tonight’s meeting. There were no objections.

Mayor Satterthwaite requested to add **An Ordinance Amending The Schedule of Fines Pursuant to Section 1-10(j)(1) of the Urbana City Code (Local Traffic Code Fines)** to number 11 on the agenda. There were no objections.

Mr. Taylor requested that agenda item 9. **Agreement For Use of Right-Of-Way (1309 West Hill Street)** be moved to item 5 on the agenda. There were no objections.

Public Works Director Bill Gray discussed the problem with people riding bicycles on the sidewalks in downtown Urbana and displayed a decal that was to be put on some of the sidewalks which indicates that no bicycles are allowed on downtown sidewalks.

Ms. Wyman requested that discussion of bicycle lanes in downtown Urbana be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole to be held on September 11, 2000.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes 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.

Public Input

Charles Brock, resident of Skelton Place in Champaign and Joe Kilman, resident of Steer Place in Urbana, addressed the Committee regarding the poor conditions of public housing.

John Marlin, 307 West Nevada, addressed the Committee to present his views on the Boneyard Creek, stating that the Committee should look into this more before voting on it.

Ginny Dewar was present to answer any questions the Committee might have on the **Agreement For Use Of Right-Of-Way (1309 West Hill Street)**.

Agreement For Use Of Right-Of-Way (1309 West Hill Street)

Mr. Gray presented staff report. Crisis Nursery is building a new facility at 1309 West Hill Street. Included with these plans is the proposed construction of a drop-off to accommodate the dropping off and picking up of children, which would include the use of public right-of-way. This use of the public right-of-way would improve safety for the children. Both Community Development and Public Works have reviewed these plans and are agreeable to grant the use of right-of-way.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to send the **Agreement For Use Of Right-Of-Way (1309 West Hill Street)** to Council with the recommendation of approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Boneyard Presentation by the University

Bob Hanna, representing the University of Illinois, addressed the Committee stating the University has completed the design for their portion of the Boneyard Creek. Mr. Hanna thanked Bill Gray for his part in reviewing the design.

Mr. Hanna introduced the representatives of Berns, Clancy and Associates, Tom Berns and Chris Billings who engineered the project.

Mr. Berns reviewed the background materials and previous dates that reports have been presented to Council. Mr. Berns stated that 148 sheets of plans and 619 pages of specifications are available for review with Bill Gray at the Public Works Department.

Mr. Billings discussed specific details of interest, construction sequencing, and the specifics of the Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue Physical Model Studies.

An Agreement Between The City Of Champaign, The City Of Urbana, And The University Of Illinois Respecting Improvements To The Boneyard Creek

Mayor Satterthwaite discussed the project stating the issues he feels are important. It transfers jurisdiction in the stretch of Wright Street to Gregory to the University of Illinois. It also sets up a monitoring system for the Boneyard to determine what the impact to the City of Urbana will be. This is a unique agreement. Most communities do not enter into agreements when there are improvements to be made in stream channels. Mayor Satterthwaite further stated his support for this agreement.

Mr. Gray addressed the important benefits in this agreement. The University is agreeing to share outlet fees that could potentially be assessed to us by the Saline Branch Drainage District (18% of the total fees). The University is also adopting the same storm water management practices as the City. The Cities and the University would also join together in the establishment of maintenance standards.

Following discussion of other advantages and debate by the Committee, Ms. Wyman moved to send **An Agreement Between The City Of Champaign, The City Of Urbana, And The University Of Illinois Respecting Improvements To The Boneyard Creek** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Intergovernmental Agreement With The County Of Champaign Concerning The Construction, Jurisdictional Transfer, And Maintenance Of Anthony Drive And U.S. Route 45 Intersection

Mr. Gray presented staff report stating the City has been in discussions with the property owners in the Interstate 74, Willow Road, Airport Road, and Cunningham Avenue area regarding potential development. With that potential development, there is a need for an improved intersection at Cunningham Avenue and Anthony Drive.

This intergovernmental agreement is a key component in showing a good-faith effort with the potential developers of the subject tracts of land, that the necessary infrastructure improvement will be paid for by the three governmental entities.

The City and the County would be sharing expenses totaling \$1,860,000, with the County expenses capped at \$930,000.

In preparing the 2000/2001 budget, infrastructure expenditures were anticipated at \$750,000. If

this project is to proceed, construction would begin no earlier than spring 2001. The \$750,000 is budgeted from the Capital Improvement Fund. The remaining dollars would be recommended to come from the Capital Improvement Fund and would be included in the 2001/2002 budget.

Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Mrs. Kearns moved to forward **An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Intergovernmental Agreement With The County Of Champaign Concerning The Construction, Jurisdictional Transfer, And Maintenance Of Anthony Drive And U.S. Route 45 Intersection** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Resolution Providing For A Feasibility Study Of The Designation Of A Redevelopment Project Area And To Induce Development Interest Within Such Area

Assistant City Planner Libby Tyler presented staff report on the resolution. The consulting firm of Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets, Inc ("PGAV") has been working on an Eligibility and Financial Feasibility Study for a Potential Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District to be located along the proposed Olympian Drive, North Lincoln Avenue, and North Cunningham Avenue corridors. PGAV and TIF Attorney Ken Beth recommend that it is now appropriate for the City to adopt a Resolution providing for the study and reimbursement of certain economic development costs. Once adopted, this Resolution is sent to the local taxing bodies affected by TIF as a notification of the City's investigation of a potential TIF District.

Mrs. Kearns moved to send **Resolution Providing For A Feasibility Study Of The Designation Of A Redevelopment Project Area And To Induce Development Interest Within Such Area** to Council for adoption. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Discussion – Proposed Ward Map

Mayor Satterthwaite and Economic Development Manager Reed Berger presented staff report on the proposed ward map.

After reviewing the 1990 Census and estimate of our population anticipated in the 2000 Census, there is evidence that the City wards exceed the 10% de minimus threshold. Attached are the current ward map and two proposed ward maps to show how ward boundaries might be changed to provide better balance in the ward population.

The last time the wards were redefined the 1990 Census was used as the basis. To determine the current population all units demolished or added for each census block from January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1999 were added. It was assumed that an average of 2 people reside in each new unit with the exception of Melrose and University Commons apartment complexes, which assumes 3 people in each units.

Attached is a summary of the two redistricting concepts and existing ward boundary based on the

Following debate regarding the disadvantages of this redistricting concept, Mr. Taylor moved that City Council redraw the map after the 2000 Census figures are available. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to table the motion until the City Council meeting on September 5, 2000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

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

MINUTES APPROVED: