

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**November 27, 2000**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Committee Members Present:**

James Hayes, Laura Huth, Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt, Joseph Whelan (Chair), and Ruth Wyman  
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**Committee Members Absent:**

Taylor (excused).

**Staff Members Present:**

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Tim Fitzpatrick, April Getchius, Bill Gray, Paul Lindahl, Libby Tyler, and Jack Waaler.

**Others Present:**

Alf Siewers, William Sullivan, and Members of the Media

**Meeting Location:**

Urbana City Council Chambers

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

**Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report**

There were none.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2000 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

**Public Input**

Alf Siewers, 702 South Vine Street and William Sullivan, 605 West Nevada, addressed the Committee in support of **Ordinance 2000-11-135: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of**

**the City of Urbana, Illinois (regarding bicycle parking requirements, reduced parking lot size in new commercial developments, and placement of wheelstops in parking lots adjacent to sidewalks – Plan Case No. 1756-T-00).**

**Ordinance No. 2000-11-129: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement With Champaign County, Illinois (Courthouse Agreement)**

Community Development Director April Getchius presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2000-11-129: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement With Champaign County, Illinois (Courthouse Agreement)**. The purpose of this ordinance is to approve an intergovernmental agreement with Champaign County regarding the development of the Courthouse complex in downtown Urbana. Staff has been working with Champaign County to address several issues relative to the development of the Courthouse.

Ms. Getchius reviewed the key elements of the agreement as outlined in the attached memo. Staff recommends that this ordinance be forwarded to City Council for approval of the ordinance and its associated agreement with Champaign County.

Following debate regarding the vacation of Bennett Avenue, alleys and the potential relocation of the Elite Dinner, Ms. Wyman moved to send **Ordinance No. 2000-11-129: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement With Champaign County, Illinois (Courthouse Agreement)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2000-11-140: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana Local Traffic Code and the Schedule of Fines Pursuant to Section 1-10(j)(1) of the Urbana City Code (Parking on Unapproved Surfaces and Associated Fines)**

Ms. Getchius presented staff report stating that the City Council had expressed concern with parking on unapproved surfaces such as front yards and requested that staff present an ordinance clarifying the prohibition of parking on unapproved surfaces and establishing an escalating fine system for repeat offenders.

The Urbana Zoning Ordinance prohibits parking on unimproved surfaces such as gravel, grass or dirt. Although the Police Department has ticketed for these violations, that enforcement is not a part of the Traffic Code. The Zoning Administrator has delegated that zoning enforcement authority to the Police Department. In order to better clarify the authority and to establish a fine structure similar to other parking violations, staff drafted an amendment to the Traffic Code. It stipulates that parking on an unapproved surface shall be prohibited and creates an escalating fine system for repeat offenders.

This ordinance was prepared by coordination of the Legal, Police and Community Development Departments. Staff recommends that the ordinance be forwarded to Council for approval.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to send **Ordinance No. 2000-11-140: An Ordinance Amending the Urbana Local Traffic Code and the Schedule of Fines Pursuant to Section 1-10(j)(1) of the Urbana City Code (Parking on Unapproved Surfaces and Associated Fines)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2000-11-135: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (regarding bicycle parking requirements, reduced parking lot size in new commercial developments, and placement of wheelstops in parking lots adjacent to sidewalks - Plan Case No. 1756-T-00)**

Planning Intern Paul Lindahl presented staff report. The Zoning Administrator is petitioning to amend the text of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance to make changes with respect to bicycle parking requirements, reduced parking lot size in new commercial developments, and placement of wheelstops in parking lots next bordering sidewalks. These amendments were initiated at the suggestion of Ms. Huth, the intent of which was to encourage bicycle use and provide a green space alternative to parking lot construction. The text amendments are attached.

Assistant City Planner Libby Tyler stated that the Plan Commission and Staff recommend approval of the proposed text amendments. Also, there is a new Exhibit A with highlights on it. These are relatively minor changes that clarify that the allowance of bicycle parking racks in yards would be only in those locations where there are non-residential uses despite what the zoning might be. The other change is to eliminate the potential to place bicycle-parking racks in the MOR zone. These changes were at the request of Ms. Wyman.

Following debate, Chair Whelan moved to send **Ordinance No. 2000-11-135: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois (regarding bicycle parking requirements, reduced parking lot size in new commercial developments, and placement of wheelstops in parking lots adjacent to sidewalks - Plan Case No. 1756-T-00) with the new Exhibit A,** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried by a voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Whelan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor  
Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was taped.

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

**MINUTES APPROVED:**