

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MAY 29, 2001

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, Whelan and Wyman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eddie Adair, Reed Berger, Glenn Berman, Phyllis Clark, Anthony Cobb, Ron Eldridge, Bill Gray, Mike Metzler, Rex Mundt, Fred Schlipf, Jack Waaler and Bruce Walden

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gene Amberg, Nancy Delcomyn, David DeWeese, John Dimit, Robert Dunn, Ruth Ann Fisher, April D. Getchius, C.K. Gunsalus, Penny Hanna, Joyce Hudson, Sondra Libman, Grace E. Mitchell, Mark Netter, Rashid Robinson, Fred Schlipf, Deb Tuttle and Members of the Media

There being a quorum, Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Chair Hayes lead in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in observation of Memorial Day.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT

Ms. Patt requested to add as No. 14. **Closed Session for the Purpose of Establishing a Fee for Right-of-Way**. There was no objection.

MINITUES OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Ms. Wyman moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2001 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

PUBLIC INPUT

Sondra Sibman, representing Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club Lakeside Terrace, addressed the Committee to request social service funds for their Computer Technology program.

April D. Getchius, representing the University of Illinois, addressed the Committee in support of Motion: A University of Illinois requested house move (1003 West Nevada to 1208 West Nevada) and Ordinance No. 2001-05-051: An Ordinance Approving a Permanent License Agreement With the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for the Installation of Utilities Along Nevada Street (Chilled Water Lines)

Fred Schlipf, Executive Director of the Urbana Free Library, addressed the Committee in support of the Library Budget for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of adding a School Resource Officer at Urbana High and Middle Schools:

Gene Amberg, Superintendent of Urbana Schools
Nancy Delcomyn, 207 North Gregory
David DeWeese, 401 Beringer Circle (Urbana High School Principal)
Ruth Ann Fisher, 1214 Lanore Drive (Urbana School Board)
C.K. Gunsalus, 511 West High Street (Urbana School Board)
Joyce Hudson, 1341 C.R. 1800 E (Urbana School Board)
Grace E. Mitchell, 1207 North Lincoln Avenue
Mark Netter, 710 West Vermont (Urbana School Board)
Deb Tuttle, 312 West Oregon

Robert Dunn, 406 East Park, Champaign and Penny Hanna addressed the Committee in opposition to a School Resource Officer.

Rashid Robinson, 103 North Coler, Apt. 2N, addressed the Committee to state that more information was needed for him to make an informed decision on the School Resource Officer.

Chair Hayes declared a five (5) minute recess at 9:22 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:31 p.m.

John Dimit, representing the Urbana School Board addressed the Committee in support of the School Resource Officer.

Ordinance No. 2001-05-049: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Guardian Drive) and Ordinance No. 2001-05-050: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L of Section 23-187 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking in Specified Places (Cardinal Court, Federal Drive and Anderson Street)

Engineering & Administration Division Manager Glenn Berman presented staff report on the above ordinances stating that **Ordinance No. 2001-05-049** is for the prohibition of parking at all times on Guardian Drive from University Avenue to Butzow Drive. **Ordinance No. 2001-05-050** addresses the painting of yellow curbs at the west side of Federal Drive to the north and south of Cardinal Court; both

sides of Cardinal Court from the west curb line of Federal Drive to a point 63 feet west of the centerline of Federal Drive and in the 500 block of Anderson Street on the west side of the street, 31 feet in length and located at mid-block.

Following debate, Mr. Otto moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2001-05-049: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All**

Times on Certain Streets (Guardian Drive) and Ordinance No. 2001-05-050: An Ordinance Amending Schedule L of Section 23-187 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking in Specified Places (Cardinal Court, Federal Drive and Anderson Street) to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2001-05-051: An Ordinance Approving a Permanent License Agreement With the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for the Installation of Utilities Along Nevada Street (Chilled Water Lines)

Mr. Berman presented staff report on this ordinance stating that the University of Illinois is continuing with its extensive utility project of chilled water, steam, potable water, electric and telecommunication facilities. The next phase will begin this summer with the installation of chilled water lines on Gregory Drive between Mathews Street and Dorner Drive (all U of I streets), chilled water lines on Nevada Street between Goodwin Avenue and Gregory Street and an electric duct crossing on Oregon Street between Gregory Street and Lincoln Avenue.

The City is not vacating any right-of-way. There are no license fees associated with this agreement. The agreement protects the City so that all infrastructure will be repaired and restored to satisfactory condition. Where metered spaces are temporarily removed from service, the City will be reimbursed \$5 per day per metered space.

This agreement has no adverse budgetary impact and staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to postpone **Ordinance No. 2001-05-051: An Ordinance Approving a Permanent License Agreement With the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for the Installation of Utilities Along Nevada Street (Chilled Water Lines)** to the June 11, 2001 meeting for further consideration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2001-05-016R: Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (University Avenue)

Public Works Director Bill Gray requested that the following resolution and ordinances be considered with the above mentioned resolution: **A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code; An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets; and An Ordinance Regulating Encroachment on Public Right-of-Way in the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois.**

Mr. Gray stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation, the City of Urbana and Urbana Township desire to improve U.S. Route 150 (University Avenue). The project is warranted due to the increased traffic and safety needs of the portion of highway from Guardian Drive to High Cross Road.

Funding for the project is being split approximately 66% Federal funds, 30% State of Illinois, 3.7% City of Urbana and 0.3 Urbana Township. The City's estimated share of the cost is \$62,183. Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved to forward **Resolution No. 2001-05-016R: Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (University Avenue); A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code; An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets; and An Ordinance Regulating Encroachment on Public Right-of-Way in the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2001-05-017R: Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (FY 2001 MFT Street Resurfacing Contract)

Mr. Berman stated that this is the standard annual street resurfacing contract appropriation of motor fuel tax funds.

Ms. Patt moved to send **Resolution No. 2001-05-017R: Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (FY 2001 MFT Street Resurfacing Contract)** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by voice vote.

Motion: A University of Illinois requested house move (1003 West Nevada to 1208 West Nevada)

Mr. Berman stated that the University of Illinois has requested a house-moving permit to move a structure from 1003 W. Nevada to 1208 W Nevada. City ordinance requires Council approval, by motion, for all moves of this nature.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to recommend authorization for the Director of Public Works to issue a moving permit upon satisfactory submission of all required items for the move from 1003 West Nevada to 1208 West Nevada. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Direction to publish notice (Philo Road Annexations)

Economic Development Manager Reed Berger stated that there is a State law that enables a City to annex areas that are surrounded and are less than 60 acres in area. Over the past few years, the City has been annexing some of the residential areas. Staff would like to have the direction to publish notice

passed by Council next week for the two properties before the Committee this evening so that we can publish that notice of intent to annex and contact the owners.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved that the City Clerk be directed to cause a notice to be published in the News Gazette newspaper advertising that annexation of unincorporated territory which is presently wholly surrounded by the City of Urbana and commonly referred to as 2203 S. Philo Road and 2401 S. Philo Road is under contemplation by this Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Budget Discussion

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden and Comptroller Ron Eldridge presented staff report. Mr. Eldridge distributed a handout with changes made to budget stating that from the time the budget is published until the time it's passed things come to his attention that need to be changed (See handout attached.) Mr. Eldridge reviewed those changes.

Ms. Patt moved to forward the Budget to Council. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wyman.

Ms. Wyman moved to amend the motion to transfer \$10,000 from the revenues from utility taxes to Cunningham Township for utility assistance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Otto.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman amended her motion to include a rate reduction in utility taxes to 3.25% for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman amended the motion to request City Staff to bring back an ordinance that lowers the rate with a sunset provision and appropriate research to put in place. Mr. Otto consented to the amendment. The amendment carried by a voice vote.

The motion on the utility taxes carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Chynoweth moved an amendment to the budget regarding the School Resource Officer as follows:

The City Council approves the budget expenditure for additional School Resource Officer (SRO) given that the following conditions are met:

1. That before the additional School Resource Officer is hired, the Police Department and School Board present to Council:
 - A program description for the COPS in Schools program.
 - Job description for the School Resource Officers.

- A sampling of curriculum material used to train Urbana's School Resource Officers and information about the number of hours of training involved in the program.
 - Program goals, which reflect the goals of the Police Department, the goals of the School District, and the goals of the City Council regarding the COPS in Schools Program.
2. That the program goals include:
- Reducing the number of UMS and UHS students entering the criminal justice system.
 - Reducing the percentage of African-American UMS and UHS students in relation to the total number of students entering the criminal justice system.
3. That the Police Department and School Board present to council, by March 1st of each year, an evaluation of the COPS in Schools program including but not limited to:
- Last years history of incidents in Urbana Middle and High Schools which were addressed by the Police Department broken down by: location of incident; whether it was handled by a SRO or outside officer; age, race, and gender of offenders; whether it was a first time or repeat offender (when possible to determine); and result of incident (talk, referral to dean, referral to counselor, arrest, etc).
 - Opinions of students, parents, teachers, and administrators, including students and parents who have had interactions with the SRO.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman.

Ms. Wyman moved to extend the meeting for ½ hour until 11:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved that a sampling of curriculum material used be removed from Ms. Chynoweth's motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

Following further debate, the motion carried 6-1 by roll call voice. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, and Wyman – 6; voting nay: Whelan – 1.

Ms. Patt moved to suspend the rules to extend time. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Whelan left the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Ms. Patt moved to extend time for 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Social Service Recommendations

Ms. Patt moved to forward the **Social Service Recommendations** as presented on the attached sheet. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Closed Session

Ms. Patt moved to enter into closed session for the purpose of establishing a fee for right-of-way. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, and Wyman – 6; voting nay: none.

The Committee entered into closed session at 1135 p.m. and reconvened at 11:58 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Hayes declared the meeting adjourned at 12:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on Cable Television.

Minutes approved: June 11, 2001, as amended

Amendment to the May 29, 2001 Minutes

Alderman Hayes requested that "Sondra Sibman" be changed to "Sondra Libman" on page1. There were no objections.

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