



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2003**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, March 17, 2003 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Ward 1 - Alderwoman Esther Patt
Ward 2 - Alderwoman Ruth Wyman
Ward 3 - Alderman James H. Hayes, Jr.
Ward 4 - Alderwoman Danielle Chynoweth
Ward 5 - Alderwoman Laura Huth
Ward 6 - Alderman Joseph A. Whelan, Jr.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Ward 7 - Alderman Milton Otto

STAFF PRESENT

Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Jack Waaler;
Eddie Adair; Rex Mundt; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert
Grewe; Robert Kowalski; Timothy Ross

OTHERS PRESENT

April Getchius; Members of the Media

There being a quorum, Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:30 p.m.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

March 3, 2003 - Alderwoman Patt made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2003 meeting. Alderwoman Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

April Getchius (Assistant Director of Planning Design and Construction/Campus Planner), representing the University of Illinois, addressed the Council in support of the proposed East Campus Commercial rezoning, and said she would be available to answer questions when this item comes up on the agenda.

Council Member Input

Alderwoman Patt informed the Council that she had been contacted by a constituent inquiring about the date of the "Spring Leaf Pick-up", and

asked for a response from staff. William Gray (Public Works Director) responded that this is scheduled to take place the second and fourth weeks of April and leaves should be put in the appropriate paper bags and will be picked-up on scheduled recycling days. Notice of the collection will be published in the newspaper and placed on the City's website (www.city.urbana.il.us). Mayor Satterthwaite also requested that it appear on UPTV.

Alderman Chynoweth informed the Council of a Town Meeting on "Medical Debt" that will be hosted by the Champaign County Health Care Consumers on Thursday, April 3, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Champaign Public Library Auditorium. Alderman Chynoweth requested that the City Clerk site this in the newspaper so that as many Council Members who would like to attend could do so and not be in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Alderman Whelan acknowledged his support for our government and troops in their efforts to disarm the Iraqi, Saddam Hussein, and bring peace to that section of the world.

D. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

E. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee Of The Whole

- a. Resolution No. 2003-03-004R: ***Resolution of Support of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District's Continued Exploration of the Benefits of a Fixed-Guideway or Tram System for the Community, and the Completion of an Alternative Analysis Study***

Alderman Wyman made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Hayes seconded. Debate ensued.

Following debate, Alderman Whelan requested a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Whelan - Nay
Huth - Aye	Wyman - Aye

Disposition: Resolution No. 2003-03-004R, "Resolution of Support of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District's Continued Exploration of the Benefits of a Fixed-Guideway or Tram System for the Community, and the Completion of an Alternative Analysis Study", was adopted by the Council by a roll call vote (5-ayes:1-nay).

- b. Ordinance No. 2003-03-020: ***An Ordinance Amending Section 3-41(c) (2) of the Liquor Code (Sidewalk Café)***

Alderman Wyman made a motion to approve. Alderman Patt seconded. Debate ensued.

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Huth - Aye	Wyman - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2003-03-020, "An Ordinance Amending Section 3-41(c)(2) of the Liquor Code (Sidewalk Café)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

- c. Ordinance No. 2003-03-021: ***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.5 of the Urbana City Code (Ambulance Services)***

Alderwoman Wyman made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Patt seconded. The vote was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Huth - Aye	Wyman - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2003-03-021, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.5 of the Urbana City Code (Ambulance Services)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

- d. Ordinance No. 2003-03-022: ***An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Streetlight Luminaries (Tall Pole Series Street Light Replacement)***

Alderwoman Wyman made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Patt seconded. The vote was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Huth - Aye	Wyman - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2003-03-022, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Streetlight Luminaries (Tall Pole Series Street Light Replacement)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

- e. Ordinance No. 2003-03-025: ***An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (TIF Redevelopment Specialist)***

Alderwoman Wyman made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Patt seconded. The vote was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Huth - Aye	Mayor Satterthwaite - Aye
Patt - Aye	

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2003-03-025, "An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (TIF Redevelopment Specialist)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (7*-aye:0-nay). [*Requires Mayor vote.]

f. Ordinance No. 2003-03-023: **An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (902 Wascher Drive)**

Alderwoman Wyman made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Patt seconded. The vote was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Huth - Aye	Wyman - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2003-03-023, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (902 Wascher Drive)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

g. Ordinance No. 2003-03-024: **An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (1107 North Gregory and 1109 North Gregory)**

Alderwoman Wyman made a motion to approve. Alderman Hayes seconded. The vote was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Huth - Aye	Wyman - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2003-03-024, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Estate (1107 North Gregory and 1109 North Gregory)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

With nothing further to report, Alderwoman Wyman stated that the next meeting of the Committee Of The Whole is scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

F. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

G. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) reported that staff is continuing to focus on a number of special projects.

1. There will be several economic development issues coming in March and April. Enterprise Zone amendments will take place in March, and revisions to agreements in April.
2. Library funding issues.
3. Landfill remediation issues.
4. Within the next month or so staff will present information on the budget.

Alderwoman Chynoweth requested a brief report on the Illinois First Funds for the Library. Mayor Satterthwaite said that he and staff

contacted Representative Jakobsson's office, and that he, the Library Foundation, and Library Board had representatives sign a letter requesting release of the funds (\$450,000) that had been dedicated to the Library. The Governor's office was also notified a week or so ago of the request to release these funds, but staff has not received a response.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2003-03-026: ***An Ordinance Approving and Causing Publication of the Official Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Plan Case 1852-M-03)***

Timothy Ross (Senior Planner) presented the staff report.

Alderwoman made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Wyman seconded. The vote was as follows:

Chynoweth - Aye	Patt - Aye
Hayes - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Huth - Aye	Wyman - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2003-03-026, "An Ordinance Approving and Causing Publication of the Official Zoning Map of the City of Urbana, Illinois (Plan Case 1852-M-03)", was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay).

2. ***Discussion: East Campus Commercial Development Agreement and Rezoning***

Mr. Walden presented the staff report. The City of Urbana, University of Illinois, and JSM have reached an agreement on all outstanding issues regarding the East Campus Commercial project. The University of Illinois Board of Trustees has selected JSM as the developer of this project, and on March 13, 2003 approved the details of the development and land lease. (See attached report by Mr. Walden titled "East Campus Commercial" dated March 14, 2003.)

No action was required of the Council at this time.

3. ***Mayoral Appointments:***

- a. ***Human Relations Commission - Lisa Mosley***

Mayor Satterthwaite presented Lisa Mosley as his recommendation for appointment to the Human Relations Commission. Ms Mosley is a social worker at Marquette School in Champaign, and has lived in Champaign County for 20 years with more than 10 of those being in Urbana. She would be filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Naomi Jakobsson, which has a term expiring on June 30, 2003.

Alderwoman Chynoweth indicated that she had not had an opportunity to meet with Ms Mosley and moved to defer this appointment for two weeks so that she may interview with her. Alderwoman Wyman seconded.

This appointment will appear on the next Council agenda scheduled for April 7, 2003.

b. **Tree Commission - Lawrence M. Hanks**

Mayor Satterthwaite presented Lawrence Hanks as his recommendation for appointment to the Tree Commission. Mr. Hanks is an Associate Professor at the University of Illinois in the Department of Entomology, and has lived in Urbana for the past 6 years. His term will expire June 30, 2005.

Alderman Hayes made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

c. **City Attorney - Stephen Holz**

Mayor Satterthwaite presented Stephen Holz as his recommendation for appointment to the position of City Attorney. Mr. Holz has practiced law for ten years, with seven of those in his current position as Assistant City Attorney at the City of Urbana. His affiliations include the Champaign County Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Illinois Institute for Local Government Law, and Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity of Champaign and Piatt Counties.

Alderman Whelan made a motion to approve. Alderman Hayes seconded.

Alderwoman Chynoweth stated that she would be supporting this appointment with reservations and read into record her expectations for the City Attorney position, as follows:

"That the City Attorney treat council members, staff, commissioners, and members of the public with utmost professionalism and respect.

That the City Attorney provide memos and briefs to the council that are accurate and helpful in understanding the implications of the content of contracts, resolutions, and other legal documents.

That the City Attorney, in his presentations before Council and Commissions, clearly separate what is legally possible, from his professional opinion of what is in the best interest of the City. And both of these should be distinguished from his political opinion on matters.

That the City Attorney support actions by a majority of council members, even if he is politically opposed to these actions.

That the City Attorney uphold and respect our Code of Ordinances, including our Human Rights and Tenants Rights Ordinances.

That the City Attorney, along with all department heads, continue to work toward diversifying our full-time workforce here in the city."

Alderwoman Chynoweth concluded by stating that she is providing this list to the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer, who oversee the position, so that her criteria for appointment are clear. There were no objections.

Following debate, the motion to approve the appointment of Stephen Holz to City Attorney carried by voice vote with stipulations by Alderwoman Chynoweth so noted.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: April 7, 2003