

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MARCH 8, 2004 - 7:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle Chynoweth (Chair); James H. Hayes, Jr.; Laura Huth; Milton Otto; Esther Patt; Joseph A. Whelan, Jr.; Ruth Wyman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Stephen Holz; Eddie Adair; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Kowalski; Ryan Brault; Kathy Larson; John Regetz

OTHERS PRESENT: George R. Carlisle; Corkey Gast; Dan McKenzie; Carl Hill; Thomas Betz; Anne Ehrlich; Maiko Covington; Alfred Weiss; Harold Diamond; Lois Steinberg; Paul Smith; T. John Kim; Kirstin Replogle; Brandon Bowersox; Aimie Johansen Alnet; David Johnson; Thomas McTighe; Theodore Gray; John Paul Schmit; William Benton; Daniel Lewart; George K. Francis; Bettina Francis; Zachary C. Miller; David A. Sidney; Genevieve Borich; Emily Tolen; Dennie Hubert; David Monk; Members of the Media

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Chynoweth called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

There were no additions to the agenda.

Chair Chynoweth noted staff's request to move agenda item #8 following Public Input. There were no objections.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

February 23, 2004 - Ms Wyman made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 23, 2004. Ms Huth seconded.

Ms Patt noted an error in the first sentence of paragraph 2 on page 5. The word "relation" should be corrected to read "**relocation**", thus reading: "*The Mayor be authorized to develop an interagency agreement with the HACC that includes HACC's commitment of **relocation** and replacement housing vouchers...*" There were no objections.

The motion to approve the minutes carried by voice vote, as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the Tram System proposal: George R. Carlisle, 406 E. Green, #102; Anne Ehrlich, 303 Yankee Ridge Lane; Maiko Covington, 805 S. Race; Lois Steinberg, 306 W. Nevada; T. John Kim, 3801 Clubhouse Dr.; Kirstin Replogle, 715 S. Broadway; Brandon Bowersox, 802 E. California Ave.; Aimie Johansen Alnet, 1505 Lincolnwood Dr.; David Johnson, 608 E. Chalmers, #103; Theodore Gray, 606 W. Oregon; John Paul Schmit, 908 S. Cottage Grove, representing Prairie Green Party; George K. Francis, 801 S. Anderson;

Emily Talen, 408 Nevada St.; Thomas McTighe; 603 W. Washington; Zachary C. Miller, 107 W. Washington; David A. Sidney, 1616 N. Melrose Park Ct., Apt. #1714; and David Monk.

The following people did not wish to speak, but requested that their position be noted in support of the Tram System proposal: Alfred Weiss; Daniel Lewart, 310 N. Busey Ave., #4; Bettina Francis, 801 S. Anderson St.; and Genevieve Borich, 807 California.

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposed Tram System: Corkey Gast, 1906 Easy St.; Dan McKenzie, 1790 Aero Pl.; Harold Diamond, 403 Brookens; and Paul Smith, 2205 Boudreau.

William Benton, 2709 S. Myra Ridge, representing his wife (Ruth Benton) and himself, did not wish to speak, but requested that their position be noted in opposition to the proposed Tram System.

Carl Hill, 1913 Trails Dr., representing UBA Home Parade, addressed the Committee with an update about the upcoming Home Parade. He also expressed his support for the proposed Tram System.

Thomas Betz, 707 W. Oregon, addressed the Committee with concerns about the maximum fines and pay-by-mail minimum fines.

Dennie Hubert, 710 W. Oregon, addressed the Committee in support of raising city fines. Mrs. Hubert also expressed opposition to the proposed Tram System.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2004-03-025: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MICHELLE'S BRIDAL SHOPPE, INC.**

Ryan Brault (Redevelopment Specialist) presented the staff report.

Following debate, Ms Patt moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2004-03-004R: 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**

Tom Costello (Executive Director/MTD) was available to answer questions.

Following debate, Ms Huth made a motion to amend the resolution beginning with the paragraph "Now, therefore, be it resolved..." to read as follows:

"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the City Council of the City of Urbana support the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District's selection of locally preferred alternatives and efforts to apply for federal funding for continued study of engineering, design, and information gathering as

well as the costs and benefits of a fixed guideway system in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we as a council are undecided at this point about the size of the support we can reasonably offer as a city. We encourage the MTD and the committee to investigate every possible financing option to ensure project costs will not create an undue financial burden on our community and to maximize partnerships between local, state, and federal government agencies, the University of Illinois, and other potential local private partners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, duly adopted, shall be sent to the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District, the City of Champaign and the University of Illinois."

Mr. Otto seconded.

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

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

The motion carried by a roll call vote (5-aye:2-nay).

6. **FARMERS' MARKET REPORT**

Kathy Larson (Economic Development Specialist/Market Director) presented the staff report. (See attached.)

Committee Members commended Ms Larson on her efforts in making the Farmers Market event a great success.

This item was mainly for the purpose of information and promotion of the Market At The Square event, and no action was required of the Council.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2004-03-024: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF URBANA (APPROXIMATELY 31 TOTAL ACRES ON THREE SEPARATE TRACTS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COLORADO AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 395 FEET EAST OF PHILO ROAD)**

Robert Kowalski (Planning Division Manager) presented the staff report.

Mr. Hayes moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Huth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2004-03-027: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT (DENNIS OHNSTAD AND JOHN NORTH/FORMER DOG CLUB SITE)**

Elizabeth Tyler (Community Development Director/City Planner) presented the staff report.

Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

10. **DISCUSSION: DOWNTOWN ACTION PLAN**

Chair Chynoweth asked Mr. Otto to take the Chair so that she and Ms Huth could make the presentation of this report. Mr. Otto accepted.

Due to the lateness of the hour, Chair Pro-tem Otto suggested moving the last two items on the agenda to the next Committee meeting. There were no objections. These items will appear on the March 22, 2004 agenda.

With the time now being *10:55 p.m., Ms Patt moved to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote. [*Council rules require a motion to extend meetings past 11:00 p.m.*]

John Regetz (Economic Development Division Manager) presented the staff report. Staff is recommending adoption of the Campaign to Building Downtown Urbana's Annual Action Plan. Following the staff report, Mr. Regetz turned the presentation over to Ms Chynoweth and Ms Huth.

Ms Chynoweth and Ms Huth did a brief PowerPoint presentation to the Committee. (See attached.)

Following debate, Committee Members commended Ms Chynoweth and Ms Huth for their efforts in helping to establish a Downtown Action Plan. Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Pro-tem Otto declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: March 22, 2004