

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 4, 2004**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 4, 2004 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, and Wyman – 5; absent: Chynoweth and Whelan – 2 (excused).

Also present were staff members: Police Chief Eddie Adair, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Planning Division Manager Rob Kowalski, Planner Paul Hanley, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Director of Community Development Libby Tyler, Retained Attorney Jack Waaler, and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderwoman Patt moved approval of the minutes of the September 20, 2004 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Satterthwaite requested that **Ordinance No. 2004-08-111: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Wright Street (adjacent to Dunbar Court)** be moved to the October 18, 2004 City Council Meeting due to a lack of Council Members present at this meeting to take action. There were no objections.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following people were present in opposition to the demolition of 806 West Iowa:

Ellen Siffin, 711 West Iowa Street
Linda Lorenz, 409 West High Street
Lisa Treul, 714 West Iowa Street

Mark Clark, 715 West Washington
Norma H. Childers, 611 West Iowa Street

Lisa Treul read statements written by Mickey Scheinman and Liz Cardman that stated their opposition to the demolition of 806 West Iowa Street

Susan Hopkins, 107 West Mumford Drive addressed the Council regarding Council ethics.

Community Development Director Libby Tyler gave an update on the demolition permit request for 806 West Iowa.

Alderwoman Patt requested that consideration of developing protection against parking lots in residential neighborhoods be put on the agenda of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Monday, October 11, 2004.

Alderwoman Wyman stated that the deadline for voter registration is Tuesday, October 5, 2004.

Alderman Hayes announced that Alderwoman Wyman had recently passed the Bar exam.

Mayor Satterthwaite read a Proclamation declaring that October 6, 2004 is International Walk to School Day. Rubina Khan, a representative of the Mass Transit District, accepted the Proclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

Alderwoman Huth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2004-09-133: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-7 "Schedule of Fees" (Taxicabs & Limousines)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, and Wyman – 5; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Huth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2004-09-131: An Ordinance**

Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Route 130 / High Cross Road Corridor Study). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, Wyman, and Mayor Satterthwaite – 6; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Huth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2004-09-129: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Establish a Parking Meter Zone on Certain Streets (Elm Street)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, and Wyman – 5; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Huth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2004-09-130: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Elm Street)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, and Wyman – 5; voting nay: none.

Alderwoman Huth moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2004-09-132: An Ordinance Approving And Adopting A Supplement And Amendment To The Redevelopment Plan And Related Redevelopment Projects For The Downtown Urbana Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried by a roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, and Wyman – 5; voting nay: none.

The next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 11, 2004 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that two Urbana teams recently competed in the 2004 State of Illinois Snow Roadeo in Galesburg, Illinois. Brad Drew and Andy Murphy, representing the Arbor Division, won first place over all. John Collins and Doug Logue, representing the Operations Division, won first place in the obstacle course and second place overall.

Fire Chief Rex Mundt reported that this is Fire Prevention Week 2004. The theme this year is "Test Your Smoke Alarm". Chief Mundt encouraged that every citizen in Urbana check their smoke detectors and review their fire exit plan and practice that plan with the members of their household.

All this week at Lincoln Square Mall fire personnel will be putting on displays, exhibits and programs for the children of our community. Thursday evening, October 7, 2004, is the sixth annual family night. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

Economic Development Division Manager John Regetz presented the monthly Economic Development Report. Primarily the business retention visits are in the Philo Road Business District to receive input for development that could occur there. Staff is also working with the developers on the Stratford site and there are several housing developments under way. Also, Aldi's has presented a special use permit for a location at the intersection of Routes 150 and 130.

The Planning Staff has also participated in the Long Range Transportation Committee with the Highway 130 / Highcross Corridor Study.

Mr. Regetz presented an update on the Philo Road Action Plan. Activities have been undertaken in pursuit of fulfilling that action plan. Road construction is occurring on Colorado Avenue. This will help link the Philo Road area to other districts in the community. Improvements are planned on Philo Road with a signalized intersection at Philo Road and Colorado Avenue.

Kathy Larson and Nani Baker have created a business directory for the area and there will be welcome signs for the area.

Mr. Walden stated that staff has been reviewing the Area Business District Redevelopment Incentive Program. It hasn't been as effective as was hoped and probably by the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole staff will have a proposed revision for Committee review. There would be no budgetary effect.

Mr. Regetz stated that the "Shoppers' Survey" on the web site and can be completed on-line.

No action was required on this item.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Division Manager Rob Kowalski presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2004-10-134: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (2209 North Willow Road / Pega Hrnjak and Ivana Bodulic)**. This is a 1.00-acre tract of property located at the northwest corner of Willow Road and Anthony Drive.

On July 19, 2004 Council approved Ordinance No. 2004-07-081 which approved the annexation and rezoning for this parcel. The annexation agreement stipulates the allowance of the current use of the property, which is a research laboratory for refrigeration and air conditioning prototypes. The agreement also grandfathered any existing building code deficiencies. An inspection by the Building Safety Division and Fire Department staff did not reveal any safety issues with the property. New development of the property will be required to meet all applicable City codes.

Alderman Hayes moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2004-10-134: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (2209 North Willow Road / Pega Hrnjak and Ivana**

Bodulic). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Huth and carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, and Wyman – 5; voting nay: none.

Planner Paul Lindahl presented staff report on **Ordinance No. 2004-10-135: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow a 10-foot (66%) Encroachment into the Required 15-foot Front-yard at 703 N. Cunningham Avenue in Urbana’s B-3, General Business Zoning District / Case No. ZBA 04-MAJ-12)**. This case was filed by Isaacs & Seten properties. They are requesting a major variance to allow a reduction in the required front-yard setback on their property located at 703 North Cunningham Avenue.

The petitioner wants to erect a sign with a 10’ (66%) encroachment into the required 15” front-yard on the south facing street frontage toward Crystal Lake Drive. Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Alderwoman Wyman moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2004-10-135: An Ordinance Approving a Major Variance (To Allow a 10-foot (66%) Encroachment into the Required 15-foot Front-yard at 703 N. Cunningham Avenue in Urbana’s B-3, General Business Zoning District / Case No. ZBA 04-MAJ-12)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 5-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, and Wyman – 5; voting nay: none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: October 18, 2004, as written.