Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 11, 2005

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, reconvened its meeting of April 4, 2005 on April 11, 2005 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 - Alderman Dennis Roberts

Ward 7 - Alderman Christopher Alix

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Ward 6 - Alderman Joseph A. Whelan, Jr. (excused)

STAFF PRESENT

Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Eddie Adair; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Robert Grewe; Robert Kowalski; John Regetz

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce and Vicki Larson; Diane Marlin; Georgia Morgan; David Monk; George Boyd; Pat Johnson; Helaine Silverman; Marian Martin; Lois Steinberg; Robin Nihiser; Barbara Peskham; Bill Bagby; Tom Rauchfuss; Steve Vaughan; Joyce Phares; Bjorg Holte; Julie Watkins; W. E. LaBerge; Elizabeth LaBerge; Mariangela Segre; Janie Yairi; Judith Bach; Kate McDowell; Ehnd Yairi; Matthew A. Tomaszewski; Amy Tomaszewski; Jim Wood; Margaret Steffensen; Elaine Paden; Dale Steffensen; C. H. Nelson; Susan Teicher; Mary Ellen Dorner; J. F. Ziff; Robert M. Francis; Theresa Michelson; Julia Kellaram; Phil Miller; Pauline Mack; Jennifer Ghaboussi; Sandra Bales; Eileen Kohen; Robert Watson; June Watson; Members of the Media

At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Satterthwaite reconvened the meeting of the Urbana City Council.

A. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Satterthwaite read into record a Proclamation by him and Champaign Mayor Jerry Schweighart proclaiming April 15 & 16, 2005 "Boneyard Arts Festival Weekend in the Cities of Champaign and Urbana, Illinois." The Proclamation was accepted by Jennifer Armstrong and Jenny Southlyn representing 40N/88W.

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The following people addressed the Council in support of the Comprehensive Plan:

Bruce and Vicki Larson, 101 W. Windsor; Diane Marlin, 2203 Boudreau; Georgia Morgan, 804 W. Nevada; David Monk, 115 N. Market, Champaign; and George Boyd, Rural Rte. 2

The following people addressed the Council in opposition to the Comprehensive Plan:

Pat Johnson, 105 Meadow Drive; Helaine Silverman, 108 E. Mumford; Marian Martin, 102 W. Meadows; Lois Steinberg, 306 W. Nevada; Robin Nihiser, 109 W. McHenry; Barbara Peskham, 503 Evergreen Ct.; Bill Bagby, High Cross Road; Tom Rauchfuss, 306 W. Iowa; Steve Vaughan, 2003 Burlison; Joyce Phares, 2508 N. Cottonwood; Bjorg Holte, 1001 N. High Cross Road; and Julie Watkins, 805 E. Green.

The following people did not wish to speak, but wanted to go on record in opposition to retail development and support of preserving the green space:

W. E. LaBerge, 2012 S. Race; Elizabeth LaBerge, 2012 S. Race; Mariangela Segre, 2010 Boudreau; Janie Yairi, 100 E. McHenry; Judith Bach, 117 Whitehall Ct.; Kate McDowell, 2106 S. Race; Ehnd Yairi, 100 E. McHenry; Matthew A. Tomaszewski, 210 W. Florida; Amy Tomaszewski, 210 W. Florida; Jim Wood, 2024 S. Race; Margaret Steffensen, 2102 S. Race; Elaine Paden, 2112 S. Race; Dale Steffensen, 2102 S. Race; C. H. Nelson, 2108 Grange Dr.; Susan Teicher, 11 Montclair Rd.; Mary Ellen Dorner, 102 W. Holmes; J. F. Ziff, 104 W. Holmes; Robert M. Francis, 16 Montclair Rd.; Theresa Michelson, 2013 Silver Ct.; Julia Kellaram and Phil Miller, 114 W. Florida; Pauline Mack, 2206 S. Race; Jennifer Ghaboussi, 107 W. George Huff; Sandra Bales, 21 Montclair Rd.; Eileen Kohen, 203 E. Holmes; Robert Watson, 113 Whitehall Ct.; and June Watson, 113 Whitehall Ct.

Helaine Silverman read a statement from Amy & Uriel Kitron, 201 E. Mumford, who were opposed to the Comprehensive Plan unless it preserved the green space.

B. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

C. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- 1. Committee Of The Whole
 - a. Ordinance No. 2005-03-050: Ordinance Adopting the City of Urbana Comprehensive Plan 2005

[A motion remains on the floor from the April 4, 2005 meeting.]

Alderwoman Patt moved to amend the original motion to replace maps 8 and 9 with the new versions that were included in the packet; to remove item #2 on both maps that reads "Further Study Lincoln-Busey Corridor to determine

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appropriate land uses"; on page 90 remove the strategy "Study zoning and land use along the Lincoln Avenue/Busey corridor from Illinois Street south to Ohio Street to determine appropriate future land use designations and appropriate opportunities for adaptive reuse and redevelopment"; and remove Appendix A on page 106. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Alix withdrew his motion made at the April 4, 2005 meeting, and substituted it with a motion to amend page 19 under "Rail & Air" subject to delete the word "remaining" in the sentence reading "Rail freight travels along the Norfolk Southern line and serves two remaining industrial uses in Urbana; Emulsicoat and Solo Cup"; and under Goal 50, which is "Ensure adequate transportation facilities for new growth", add a new objective numbered 50.4 to read "Promote efforts to preserve abandoned rail corridors through rail banking." The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Alix moved the following amendment to the draft 2005 Comprehensive Plan:

- 1. To the "bullet points" added by the Plan Commission to Future Land Use Map #12 (page 85) in Plan Case 1923-CP-05, add the following:
 - "Retaining existing greenways along the length of Race Street and Florida Avenue, including multi-use paths and mature trees."
- 2. Along the west side of Race Street and the south side of Florida Avenue, add the text "Existing Greenway" in text the same size as the "Race Street" notation, with arrows at each end, parallel to the street.
- 3. To the Implementation Strategy for Orchard Downs on page 98, add references to the following Goals and Objectives: (Comments in italics are for information only and are not proposed to be added to the text.)
 - 1.0 Preserve residential neighborhoods
 - 1.4 Promote residential in established neighborhoods close to campus
 - 2.0 Compatible development in established neighborhoods
 - 2.1 Compatibility with built fabric
 - 2.4 Development to be of high quality and aesthetically pleasing
 - 9.3 Parks within walking distance of neighborhoods
 - 10.1 System of trails and greenways
 - 11.1 Open spaces in new residential and mixed-use developments
 - 25.1 New commercial uses convenient to existing neighborhoods

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Alderwoman Wyman seconded. Alderman Alix addressed the motion.

Alderwoman Chynoweth asked that Alderman Alix, for the benefit of the viewing audience, read into record the bullet points added by the Plan Commission. Mr. Kowalski had a copy and read it into record. (See attached.)

Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Regarding other Comprehensive Plan issues:

Alderwoman Wyman made a motion to amend page 52, "Goals and Objectives: Services and Infrastructure", to add the following objectives:

- 1. Objective 42.1.1, "Ensure that there are accessible ramps for all new sidewalks at intersections with roadways."
- Objective 42.6, "Ensure that people with disabilities have access to the city's sidewalks by installing accessible ramps where requested by people with disabilities, their advocates, or in heavily pedestrian-trafficked areas,"

Alderwoman Patt seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderwoman Wyman moved to amend page 54, "Goals and Objectives: Safety and Accessibility", as follows:

 Amend Goal 44.6 to read, "Promote new technologies and designs in construction and improvement of crosswalks, including accessible ramps for the visually impaired."

The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried by a voice vote.

2. Add Goal 44.8 to read, "Improve intersection markings and signage near and around High Cross Road."

The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and carried by a voice vote.

Regarding the High Cross Road Issue:

Alderwoman Wyman moved to amend Future Land Use Map #2, as amended and stated in Mr. Kowalski's March 31, 2005 memo, to "improve interstate interchange access at High Cross Road, Cottonwood Road or 1800E to serve growth south of the interstate. Future study shall take into consideration the intent of the city in its Comprehensive Plan that the sector north of I-74 and east of Brownfield road as shown on Map #2 be 'Rural Residential' and the City should protect this neighborhood as an option that is particularly

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> appropriate in this terrain and only after such consideration will determine an appropriate location."

Alderwoman Patt seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderwoman Wyman moved to amend page 105, "Implementation Strategy", to add "When evaluating transportation projects, support the goals and objectives of the Long Range Transportation Plan developed by CUUATS to the extent that they are consistent with the Urbana Comprehensive Plan."

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

Following further debate, the vote on the main motion to approve Ordinance No. 2005-03-050, "An Ordinance Adopting the City of Urbana Comprehensive Plan 2005", was as follows:

Alix - Aye Patt - Aye Chynoweth - Aye Roberts - Aye Hayes - Aye Wyman - Aye

Disposition: Ordinance No. 2005-03-050, "An Ordinance Adopting the City of Urbana Comprehensive Plan 2005" was approved by Council by a roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay), as amended.

With nothing further to report, Alderwoman Wyman stated that the next meeting of the Committee Of the Whole is scheduled for this evening, noticed for 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.