

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MARCH 28, 1994

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Esther Patt, Michael Pollock, Marya Ryan, Clifford Singer (Chairman), John Taylor (arrived at 7:40 p.m.) and Joseph Whelan (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Bruce Walden, Robert Pettyjohn, Craig Grant, Charles Gordon, April Getchius, Daniel Harmon, Bruce Stoffel, Rod Fletcher, Jack Waaler and William Gray

Others Present:

Kurt Gross, Matthew Snyder, Tanya Deckert, Ray Norton, Linda Dutton, Dixie Whitt, Jeff Thompson, Members of the News Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chairman Singer called the meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mr. Pollock moved to dispense with the orders of the day and move expeditiously through the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Patt moved that there be informal discussion only on the Carle Master Plan Budget Amendment and that any action be postponed until the next committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan and carried by a show of hands vote.

Mr. Whelan arrived.

Mr. Whelan moved that item #11, Bike Path/Sidewalk (Windsor Road from Deerfield Trails to Philo Road) be moved to the first topic of discussion following approval of minutes of the previous meeting. The

motion was seconded by Mr. Pollock and carried by a voice vote.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Ryan moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 1994 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Petitions and Communications

Kurt Gross, 604 Eliot Drive, addressed the Committee in opposition to garbage franchising stating that he prefers the system he has now.

Mr. Taylor arrived.

Matt Snyder, representing the Community Recycling Center, addressed the Committee in favor of seeking information regarding franchise waste hauling.

Tanya Deckert, 3206 Fawn Hill Court, Ray Norton, 3203 Baronry, Linda Dutton, 3209 Fawn Hill Court, Dixie Whitt, 1510 Trails, and Jeff Thompson, 3207 Chatham Court, addressed the Committee in support of the bike path/sidewalk (Windsor Road from Deerfield Trails to Philo Road).

Bike Path/Sidewalk (Windsor Road from Deerfield Trails to Philo Road)

Public Works Director/City Engineer William Gray reported that Staff was asked to explore the feasibility of constructing sidewalks along Philo Road between Mumford Drive and the Deerfield Trails Subdivision.

Mr. Gray reported that if the City were to construct a sidewalk, current policy dictates that it would be funded with City funds inside the City limits; outside the City limits is Township jurisdiction. Contact with the Township Road Commissioner revealed that, while they would not provide funds for sidewalk installations along Philo Road, they would be receptive to allowing the City to install sidewalks within the unincorporated area south of Windsor Road to the north side of the Deerfield Trails Subdivision.

Mr. Gray further stated that the City's ten-year projections do not currently include any sidewalk construction along this section. Although it is one of the higher ranked sidewalk sections in the Capital Improvement Plan, it is not overlapped by any other major construction projected. The estimated cost is approximately \$40,000 for the City section and \$45,000 for the section outside the City. This estimate

includes only one side of the street and does not include any right-of-way, grading, or drainage costs which may be required.

Following a discussion of ratings and funding, Mr. Whelan moved that staff include the Bike Path/Sidewalk (Windsor Road from Deerfield Trails to Philo Road) in this year's Capital Improvement Planning process. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Following debate on the ranking and funding, as well as projects presently being completed, Ms. Ryan moved a friendly amendment to direct staff to present the needed information at the next meeting, at which point Council will decide whether or not to implement the project. The motion was acceptable to the mover and seconder.

Following further debate regarding timing, the life safety issue and the value of rankings, Mr. Singer requested that the University be approached regarding their interest in funding due to their generic interest in public safety and recreation, as well as the neighborhood association. Mr. Singer further suggested that the offer of right-of-way from the Township be tied down.

Following debate, the motion that staff include the Bike Path/Sidewalk (Windsor Road from Deerfield Trails to Philo Road) in this year's Capital Improvement Planning process carried by a voice vote.

BOCA Code Adoption

Mr. Singer moved to send to Council, the BOCA Code Adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Building Safety Manager Craig Grant and Assistant Fire Chief Pettyjohn were present to answer Committee questions on the BOCA Code Adoption.

In response to Mr. Pollock's question of when the code was modified last, Mr. Grant stated that the first comprehensive upgrade since 1978 was in November of 1987. The City generally does it's upgrades based on new BOCA books and requirements, unfortunately the length of time it takes to go through all of these documents has precluded us from doing it every three years which is the time frame in which BOCA publishes new documents. To the extent possible, joint proposals were used between Champaign and Urbana so that regulations between the two cities are conforming convenient.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to amend the motion to ask staff to propose language for the occupancy standards in PM403.3 that would preserve the parking requirements, but allow parents to decide appropriate

sleeping arrangements for their children. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan. Following debate the motion to amend the motion to approve the BOCA Code Adoption carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Patt moved to amend PM601.1 regarding heat control, by changing the date October 1st to September 15th and deleting the words between 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. each day and not less than 60 degrees fahrenheit during other hours. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Patt moved to request Staff to provide language for PM802.2, 802.3 and 802.4 to require the owner of a structure to perform needed extermination for vermin and to allow the cost to be charged to a tenant when inspectors find the tenant at fault. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan and carried by a voice vote.

Following debate, the motion to send to Council the BOCA Code Adoption, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

Transitional Housing Contract

Community Development Manager Bruce Stoffel was present to answer questions on the Transitional Housing Contract.

Following a debate on the release of personal records, Mr. Taylor moved to send the Transitional Housing Contract to Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Property Acquisition - 710 North Goodwin

Alderman Hayes moved to send to Council An Ordinance Authorizing The Property Acquisition Of 710 North Goodwin. The motion was seconded Mr. Pollock and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Hayes moved to take a five minute recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote. The Committee went into recess at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:52 p.m. with all members previously in attendance still present.

Interim Solid Waste Plan Discussion And Time Line

Mr. Pollock moved to send the Interim Solid Waste Plan Discussion and Time Line to the Committee on Administration and Finance and direct staff to prepare the appropriate documents based on this outline for that meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

In response to Mr. Singer's request for clarification, Mr.

Pollock stated that he was referring to the memo dated March 24, 1994 and the outline that was presented previously that has been amended by the Mayor and presented in this week's packet. Mr. Pollock stated that he is requesting staff to bring the bid outline, bid documents, the specifics for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Singer stated that the motion is to request staff to bring Invitation for Bids in two weeks.

Responding to an inquiry from Mr. Whelan, Mr. Pollock stated that the purpose is for that Committee to receive those documents whether they are issued or not issued, whether they amended or not amended or whatever the Committee does with them is up the Committee at that time. The purpose is to see those documents.

Ms. Ryan moved to add to the time line that staff be directed to report on the provision of recycling services to multi-family buildings of 5 units or more and report back by the first Committee meeting in September, 1994. Ms. Ryan stated that this motion is slightly different from the one she made the last time in that then she had included an implementation date of December, 1994. This is mainly an information gathering idea.

Mr. Pollock stated that the Committee basically wants to know how to get those services provided. He questioned Staff as to whether the motion to ask staff to bring back by September, 1994 the options and plans for how to implement multi-family recycling is too broad to deal with?

Mr. Gray stated that it is broad, but at this point it is fine.

Mr. Whelan stated that this process is presently being discussed between the haulers and the apartment owners in Champaign. They have a July date to implement that process. It is possible the Committee might use that as a model.

Ms. Ryan's amendment carried by a voice vote.

The main motion, as amended, passed 5-2 by roll call vote. Members of the Committee voting aye were: Hayes, Patt, Pollock, Ryan and Singer - 5; voting nay: Taylor and Whelan - 2.

ISWDA Dissolution

Mr. Pollock moved to send the ISWDA Dissolution to the Council meeting following the approval of the Daily settlement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Pollock moved to amend the motion to send it back to Staff to

take a look at the issues that were raised at this meeting and incorporate that into what has already been presented. The motion was acceptable to the seconder.

Mr. Singer moved a friendly amendment that Staff is requested to:

- a. ensure that ISWDA dissolution language will not lend any support to an extension of the City's legal liability for solid waste management, and to:
- b. explore mechanisms to allow for dedication of at least up to half of the ISWDA assets to support of activities of practical mutual benefit to the City and the County, at least until such time as the City adopts a final Solid Waste Management plan which eliminates the need for such support.

The motion was not acceptable to the mover.

Mr. Singer then moved the motion as a substitute motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Following debate, Mr. Singer moved a friendly amendment that the wording "explore mechanisms" in part b. of the motion be changed to "to consider exploring". The motion was acceptable to the seconder.

The main motion, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

CARLE MASTER PLAN BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. Pollock referenced a communication from Alice Kingston, a resident of the Carle neighborhood, requesting that the Committee not take action or discuss the Carle Master Plan since there are people who want to discuss the issue who could not attend this meeting.

Mr. Pollock questioned when the City would be reimbursed for the expense of hiring a consultant to do the traffic plan that is being proposed. Carle would pay for the plans in their entirety and this amendment requests a budget amendment to front that project.

Mr. Gray stated he believes the City would get the money upfront to pay the consultant so there would be no money from City funds.

In response to Mr. Pollock's question regarding the advantages of the City contracting the consultant, as opposed to Carle, Mr. Gray stated from input he received from area residents there is a better credibility

with the City than if Carle did it and the City reviewed it. The residents are more comfortable with that arrangement.

Mr. Pollock referenced a letter from UCAN, the neighborhood group that has organized around the issue since the closing of Park Street. The letter mentioned six general things they would like discussed in terms of neighborhood wellness:

1. Stability
2. Investment
3. Empowerment
4. Environment
5. Employment
6. Crime reduction

Mr. Gray stated that staff will solicit the residents' input in the parameters of the study. There is a scope of the study that was given to some of the UCAN neighbors for review and the City should get that review back within a week or two.

Ms. Patt stated that the people in the neighborhood are interested in an independent study of the Carle Master Plan. They feel that no matter how the plan is paid for, it is still Carle's plan. Perhaps the City should decide what needs to be studied before an agreement is made. We should consider someone other than the consultant that developed the plan to be the consultant to do the traffic plan. This should be considered as something that is happening in the neighborhood rather than Carle's expansion.

Mr. Singer stated that he is also interested in the Carle to Silver Creek bicycle path/walkway being integrated into the traffic study.

Mr. Gray questioned Ms. Patt's statement about the consultant. He stated that the master plan was done by Johnson, Johnson and Roy and that he had not seen a traffic component. The impact study is to be done by Barton and Ashman.

Mr. Gray stated that two weeks may be too soon to answer all the questions that Mr. Pollock raised if he is expecting feedback on the parameters of the study.

Mr. Pollock suggested that the subject be addressed at the next Committee on Environment and Public Safety meeting, in 30 days, or at Staff's earliest convenience. There is a master study plan that Carle did for itself and its campus. The City needs to gauge what the impact will be on the neighborhood as a result of that plan including the traffic impacts and integrate with that the neighborhood study that is being done in the

area at the same time.

Mr. Gray stated that ideally staff would like to invite Barton and Ashman representatives to the next Carle meeting which is April 13th. Even though there is no signed agreement, they could still get things going. If the plan is a month from now, the first meeting with the residents will need to be in May.

Mr. Pollock moved to request staff to bring the Carle Master Plan Budget Amendment back to committee/council when it is ready. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

CIP Ten-Year List

Ms. Ryan moved to send the Capital Improvement Plan Ten-Year List to Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Request For Handicapped Parking Space - 106 W. Main Street

Mr. Gray stated that he does not feel this is a safe place for a handicapped parking space as handicapped spaces are 16 feet wide, and the parking space in question is a parallel parking space that is 8 feet wide.

Acting Police Chief Gordon stated that he also has concerns about safety. Chief Gordon further stated that there are other handicapped parking places in the vicinity.

Following debate, Mr. Pollock recommended that the Committee drop this issue for the present. There being no objections, the issue of the Request for Handicapped Parking Space - 106 W. Main Street has been dropped from future discussion.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Singer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

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