

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1994

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 15, 1994 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Ryan, Singer, Taylor, and Whelan - 6. Alderman Pollock was absent - 1.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderwoman Patt moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 1994 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alderwoman Patt moved the addition to agenda of the Subdivision Performance Bond For Deepa's First Subdivision (Plan Case #1534-S-94) as item #5 under New Business. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan and carried by a voice vote.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Carl Webber, 202 Lincoln Square, addressed the Council to advise that he and Ron Durst are present at the meeting to answer any questions that might arise regarding the Durst Site Plan.

Alderman Singer stated that he will be absent from the meeting of the Committee on Environment and Public Safety and requested that Alderwoman Ryan chair the meeting and summarized his

thoughts on City goals, stating that public safety in all areas especially suppression and prevention of crime.

Alderman Whelan stated his appreciation to Mayor Satterthwaite for delivering a letter regarding the open letter in the News-Gazette from the Urbana Fire Fighters. Alderman Whelan stated that he does not believe it is appropriate for the fire fighters' union to discuss the terms of the debate in public and stated his support of positive efforts made by Mayor Satterthwaite and the negotiating team on behalf of the City.

Mayor Satterthwaite read a statement in response to the Fire Fighter's union open letter to the City Council as follows: "On behalf of the Administration and the Urbana City Council members, we to confirm our willingness to reach a voluntary labor settlement with the Fire Fighter's union.

The union and the City have designated bargaining teams which are meeting with a federal mediator. As stated in the ground rules, we believe that, "...negotiations are best handled at the bargaining table."

The City is moving forward with due diligence in the recruitment and hiring of a Fire Chief. Advertisements have appeared both locally and in national journals. The hiring process includes broad based community participation and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Finally, and most importantly, along with every Council member, I wish to express our gratitude and appreciation of Acting

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Chief Dunn's service of nearly 25 years to this community. We have full confidence in Dunn's ability to direct the affairs of the Urbana Fire Department during this 90-100 day period of transition.

We also have full confidence in the professionalism of the Fire Department personnel in providing service to the public."

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Singer moved an omnibus motion to adopt the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois For The Year Beginning July 1, 1994 And Ending June 30, 1995; An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy For \$1.0 Million General Obligation Bonds, Series 1992; An Ordinance Abating Tax Levy For \$5.705 Million General Obligation Bonds, Series 1994; An Ordinance Abating The Direct Annual Tax Levied To Pay The Interest On And Principal Of Corporate Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 1990, Of The City Of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois; and An Ordinance Abating The Direct Annual Tax Levied To Pay The Interest On And Principal Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 1985, Of The City Of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. Following debate, the motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Ryan, Singer, Taylor, and Whelan - 6; voting nay: none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Administration and Finance

Alderman Hayes moved to adopt An Ordinance Amending Sections 13-2, 14-4 and 14-10 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code

Prohibiting Parking On Certain Streets and Establishing Tow Away Zones And Establishing Curb Loading Zones. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. Following debate, the motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Ryan, Singer, Taylor, and Whelan - 6; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to adopt An Ordinance Schedule H Of Section 8-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs At Certain Intersections. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Ryan, Singer, Taylor, and Whelan - 6; voting nay none.

Alderman Hayes reported that the next meeting of the Committee on Administration and Finance will be September 12, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

Committee on Environment and Public Safety

Alderman Singer reported that the next meeting of the Committee on Environment and Public Safety will be August 22, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that the "temporary, permanent signal" at Fairview and Lincoln is operational.

Mr. Walden reported that during the storm over the

previous weekend, 50-60 trees were significantly damaged. Public Work's crews will be trimming and removing some of those trees over the next two weeks.

Mr. Walden stated that the bids for the MFT contract have been awarded for asphalt overlays. That work should begin over the next 30 days. Projects as a part of that contract include: Lincoln Avenue South, Springfield from Wright Street, all the way to Main Street and from Main Street through downtown to Bennett Street, and South Philo Road.

The City received favorable bids for the Eads Street development, \$10-12,000 under the engineer's estimate on the Harvey/Gregory reconstruction. Both Harvey and Gregory Streets will receive complete repaving, storm sewers, and lights.

Mr. Walden stated that last fiscal year the City received a grant from the State of Illinois for \$20,000 (\$10,000 to each, Champaign and Urbana) for the purpose of marketing our landscape recyclables. That marketing resulted in the City doubling the amount of compost and wood chips the City sells to the public.

Mr. Walden reported that the City has four new police department employees; three in field training and one attending PTI.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderwoman Ryan moved to approve the Maintenance Bond For Beringer Commons 2A. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Whelan moved to approve the Subdivision Performance Bond For Somerset Subdivision No. 1. The motion was seconded by Alderman Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Hayes moved to adopt an Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (803, 805, and 807 Beverly Drive). The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Ryan, Singer, Taylor, and Whelan - 6; voting nay: none.

Alderman Hayes moved to adopt An Ordinance Approving A Site Plan For 1112 West University Avenue, Urbana, Illinois. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt.

Alderman Singer stated for the record, that he no longer has interest in the property at 404 North Lake Street and has not had for quite some time.

Following debate, the motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Patt, Ryan, Taylor, and Whelan - 5; voting nay: Singer - 1.

Alderman Hayes moved to approve a Subdivision Performance Bond For Deepa's First Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.
**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.