

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MARCH 27, 1995

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Esther Patt, Michael Pollock, Marya Ryan, Clifford Singer (Chairman), and John Taylor

Committee Members Absent:

Joe Whelan

Staff Members Present:

Bruce Walden, Jack Waaler, Tom Lindsey, Rod Fletcher, Bill Gray, Chief Adair, Wendy Rieser, Phyllis Clark, and Mayor Satterthwaite

Others Present:

Members of the News Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chairman Singer called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mr. Pollock moved to consider item 11. MFT Resolution On Street Maintenance And Traffic Signal Amendment and item 12. Capital Improvement Ten-Year List after item 6. Approval of Fourth Quarter U-Cycle Funding so that the Public Works Department employees can leave the meeting following the discussion of those issues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Chairman Singer moved a substitute motion to adopt the agenda as is, with the orders of the day. The motion died for lack of a second.

Following debate, Chairman Singer moved a substitute motion to adopt the agenda as is, with the orders of the day. The motion died for lack of a second.

Chairman Singer addressed the Committee on the inappropriateness of the motion to consider items item 11 and 12 after item 6.

Mr. Pollock requested a Point of Order, stating that he did not believe that the direction Chairman Singer was headed was to discuss the motion and asked that Chairman Singer go on with the motion.

Chairman Singer ruled that Mr. Pollock's statement was not a Point of Order and continued by stating that he was speaking against the motion and would do so at the length he felt necessary to get all the points across.

Chairman Singer continued his debate of the motion.

Ms. Patt called for a Point of Order stating that she did not believe that the twenty minute speech that the Chair just made had any relevance to the motion on the floor and asked that Chairman Singer yield the floor.

Chairman Singer stated that under the Committee rules when a motion is on the floor, and an additional motion is on the floor, it is appropriate to ask whether the additional motion is germane to the original motion. Once the motion is properly on the floor, then the question of debate is not covered in the rules. That is because what a person would like to say about an issue is freedom of speech which is protected under the Constitution.

Ms. Patt moved to challenge the ruling of the Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan.

Chairman Singer stated that the motion was not in order.

Mr. Taylor requested that the Committee get advice from its Parliamentarian.

Chairman Singer stated that the Chair is allowed to get advice from the Parliamentarian and does not chose to do so.

Mr. Taylor requested a Personal Indulgence to ask City Attorney Jack Waaler what the procedure is at this point.

Chairman Singer agreed.

Mr. Waaler stated that he was not aware of any circumstances where an appeal for ruling of the Chair would be out of order.

Chairman Singer stated that the Parliamentarian had given his advice, which is advice, not a ruling.

Mr. Taylor requested a brief recess. Chairman Singer

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declared a brief recess at 8:05 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 8:07 p.m. with all members previously in attendance still present.

Chairman Singer continued to debate the motion.

Ms. Patt, Mr. Pollock, and Ms. Ryan left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Taylor called for a point of order and was recognized by the Chair.

Mr. Taylor stated that Ms. Patt, Mr. Pollock, and Ms. Ryan have left the meeting and there is no longer a quorum. The meeting should be adjourned.

Adjournment

Chairman Singer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. due to the lack of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.