



**URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 1995**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session Monday, October 16, 1995 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Kearns, Carolyn (Aldersperson Ward 4)
Patt, Esther (Aldersperson Ward 1)
Pollock, Michael (Aldersperson Ward 5)
Ryan, Marya (Aldersperson Ward 2)
Taylor, John (Aldersperson Ward 7)
Whelan, Joseph (Aldersperson Ward 6)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Hayes, James Jr. (Aldersperson Ward 3)

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor
Phyllis D.Clark, City Clerk
Bruce K.Walden, Chief Administrator Officer
Tim Fitzpatrick, Assist. Chief of Police
Matthew Webber, Division Officer/UFD
William Gray, Public Works Director
Reed Berger, Economic Development Coordinator
Bruce Stoffel, Grants Management Division Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Debra Frank; Don Flessner; Earl O'Shea; John Dorsey; Dorothy Neumann; Greg Springer; Darrel Foste; Media

There being a quorum, Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Aldersperson Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 1995. Aldersperson Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

C. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Debra Frank, Chair/Solid Waste Committee, and Don Flessner, Policy Chair/Solid Waste Committee, addressed the Council regarding the dissolution of the ISWDA. Ms Frank gave a brief overview of the ISWDA and why dissolution is important. She stated that the cities of Champaign and Urbana and Champaign County entered into an agreement forming the ISWDA on July 22, 1986. The goals of the organization were to build a landfill and a transfer station to handle the waste needs of the cities in Champaign County. In December of 1992 the City of Champaign withdrew from the ISWDA and began working on its own garbage and solid waste plan. On September 21, 1993 the County Board approved and forwarded to the City of Urbana a draft dissolution agreement and on March 21, 1995 the County sent Urbana a resolution requesting that Urbana respond to the County stating whether it intended to dissolve ISWDA and requested a response for the contents of the September 21, 1993 dissolution agreement. To date there has been no response.

Ms Frank stated several reasons why the County believes dissolution is important: 1) There is no longer any reason for ISWDA since Urbana and Champaign have their own plans for solid waste and all plans for a transfer station and landfill have been abandoned. 2) The solid waste plan in Champaign County needs to be revised according to the Statutes. With no decision being made about ISWDA and what type of entity it is and whether to dissolve it or not, makes it difficult for the County to revise its solid waste plan. In addition, it would be expensive for the taxpayers to have the County spend the money to revise the solid waste plan now and then in a year have to revise it again because it's been decided to dissolve ISWDA. 3) There is \$148,147.09 estimated ISWDA asset. The County would like to dissolve ISWDA and disperse the funds so that both Urbana and the County could use them for solid waste projects. Presently, ISWDA serves no purpose but does continue to tie-up assets in Urbana and the County that could be used in positive ways (i.e., recycling drives, etc.).

Earl O'Shea addressed the Council on the topic of better government.

John Dorsey, 301 W. Locust, spoke in opposition to the proposed Homestead Apartments development. Mr. Dorsey believed this development could be a threat to the neighborhood.

Dorothy Neumann, 301 W. Griggs, addressed the Council on behalf of neighbors on Griggs, Wood, Locust and Central Streets concerning the Homestead Apartments proposal. They are opposed

to the proposed development, believing the high density will cause problems for the neighborhood.

Greg Springer, 206 Wood, representing the neighborhood, also addressed the Council on the topic of the Homestead Apartments. Mr. Springer indicated that the area was not feasible for 35 apartments, and believed the end result would be to create another inner city project.

Darrel Foste, 409 W. Main, addressed the Council from an economic viewpoint regarding the proposed Homestead Apartments development. Mr. Foste inquired what type of revenue would be provided from this development. He stated that he was not in support of this development, however, he does support commercial development.

Mr. Stoffel gave a brief summary of the proposed Homestead Apartments development. A public hearing will be held October 25, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in the Urbana Civic Center to explain the proposal and answer questions of the public.

Alderwoman Ryan inquired about the Council's involvement, since she had a prior understanding that this issue would not come before the Council for a vote. Mr. Stoffel responded that the acquisition is a private issue between the Mental Health Center and the seller. However, to be able to actually finance the project, the Mental Health Center and the planning group is looking to the cities of Urbana and Champaign and a number of other funding agencies. To be able to provide that funding, the City would need to enact a contract with the project sponsor. The contract is subject to Council approval.

Alderwoman Ryan wanted to know if the site needed to be determined by November 6, 1995. Mr. Stoffel indicated that by November 6th a site needs to be optioned.

Alderman Whelan inquired about the membership of the Homestead Corporation. Mr. Stoffel stated that the Homestead Corporation is a private, non-profit group. It is a new organization that has been in existence three years or less. They do not currently own or manage any property. Homestead Corporation is comprised of representatives from local shelters, local banks and local social service agencies. The current president is Shirley Stillinger, formerly of A Woman's Place. Other members include David Gillan (Busey Bank), Ken Ziegler (Cunningham Township), Len Heuman (U of I/Dept. of Regional Planning), and Sheila Ferguson, (Mental Health Center).

Alderman Whelan asked if this was a 501C3 corporation. Mr.

Stoffel responded that he did not believe they currently had a 501C3, but are registered by the State of Illinois as a non-profit organization.

Alderman Whelan inquired about funds used for the development. Mr. Stoffel stated that it would involve monies from the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, HUD, State of Illinois Energy Natural Resources, potentially Illinois Housing Development Authority, and a variety of other funds.

Alderman Whelan requested that staff (Mr. Stoffel) submit a report that would include total cost, anticipated cost, fund sources, and the specific names of people on the board.

Alderman Taylor inquired if any rezoning would be involved. Mr. Stoffel responded "no."

Alderman Taylor inquired who would be conducting the screening of people. Mr. Stoffel explained that, at present, this item is not before the Council for approval. They anticipate coming before the Council in December at the earliest. If the project proceeds, it would not begin until July 1996 and occupancy by January 1997. It is not targeted for people with substance abuse or mental health problems. They would have to meet the definitions of low-income, homeless, single people.

Mayor Satterthwaite inquired about on-site staffing. Mr. Stoffel stated that a paid resident manager and case manager would be on-premise.

Alderman Patt requested a copy of the application to IHDA.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. *Res. No. 9596-R10: A Resolution Supporting The Implementation Of A Street Lighting Replacement Program*

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Alderman Patt.

Disposition: The motion to approve carried by voice vote. Resolution No. 9596-R10 passed.

E. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Committee on Administration and Finance

a. *Motion In Support Of Small Business Development Center Proposal*

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve and was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns.

Disposition: The motion to approve carried by voice vote. The motion was approved.

b. Ord. No. 9596-34: An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Redevelopment Agreement By And Between The City Of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois And The Goose Alley Property Owners

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ryan. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Alderwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderwoman Ryan - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye

Disposition: The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9596-34 passed.

c. Ord. No. 9596-35: An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (906 And 908 West Eads Street)

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Alderwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderwoman Ryan - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye

Disposition: The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9596-35 passed.

d. Res. No. 9596-R12: A Resolution Determining The Amounts Of Money Necessary To Be Raised For The Tax Levy (1995)

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Kearns seconded. With a roll call of the members present, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Alderwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderwoman Ryan - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye

Disposition: The motion to approve carried by

roll call vote (6-aye:0-nay). Resolution No. 9596-R12 passed.

e. **Ord. No. 9596-39: An Amendment To The Annual Budget (Fire Rescue Services Department Hazardous Material Training)**

Alderman Pollock made a motion to approve.
Alderman Whelan seconded.

Alderman Pollock asked Mr. Walden to clarify where the funds were coming from. Mr. Walden explained that the funds would be taken from various department budgets (i.e., vacant positions). The transfer would be made without having to withdraw from the savings account.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Alderman Kearns - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderman Patt - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	Mayor Satterthwaite - Aye
Alderman Ryan - Aye	

Disposition: The motion to approve carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9596-39 passed.

With nothing further to report, Alderman Pollock stated that the next meeting of the Committee on Administration & Finance would be November 20, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. **Committee on Environment and Public Safety**

There being no business on tonight's agenda, Alderman Ryan stated that the next meeting of the Committee on Environment & Public Safety would be October 23, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

F. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alderman Pollock stated that the Cable Commission would be meeting in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 18, 1995 at 7:30 p.m.

G. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

There were no reports.

Alderman Taylor requested that the Mayor and staff update

the Council on the ISWDA issue as soon as possible for the benefit of the County Board.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter Ten Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Urbana, Illinois, Regulating The Licensing Of Haulers

Mayor Satterthwaite submitted a written motion to amend Section 3 of the ordinance.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the amendment. Alderwoman Patt seconded.

Alderman Taylor then moved to table. Alderwoman Patt seconded.

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Alderwoman Kearns - Aye	Alderwoman Ryan - Aye
Alderwoman Patt - Aye	Alderman Taylor - Aye
Alderman Pollock - Aye	Alderman Whelan - Nay

Disposition: The motion to table carried by roll call vote (5-aye:1-nay).

2. Mayoral Appointment To Zoning Board Of Appeals (Harvey Welch)

Alderwoman Patt made a motion to approve and was seconded by Alderman Whelan.

Disposition: The motion to approve passed by voice vote. Mr. Welch was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

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