

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1996

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 3, 1996 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building.

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Hayes, Kearns, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Taylor, and Whelan - 7; absent: none.

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Tod Satterthwaite.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Aldерwoman Patt moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 1996 Special City Council Meeting and the August 19, 1996 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following people addressed the Council to urge that Jaques House be preserved in its present location, stating that it is a historic landmark which is listed on the National

Register of Historic Places:

Norman & Carolyn Baxley, 510 West Main Street
Karen Kummer, 1104 Devonshire
Art Zangerl, 702 West Michigan
Francis Young, 1006 South Orchard
Sandra Batzli, 711 West Indiana
Justine Schoeplein, 2208 South Lynn

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The following people addressed the Council in support of the westward expansion and moving or disposing of Jaques House:

Richard Jerrard, 507 West Indiana
Nadine Houston, 1808 South Anderson
Peg Steffensen, 2102 South Race
Andrew S. Hyman, P.O. Box 4068
Hiram Paley, 706 West California

The following people did not speak but wished to go on record as being in support of the westward library expansion:

Joanne McIntyre, 2016 Zuppke Drive
Charles McIntyre, 2016 Zuppke Drive
Allean Hale, 305 G.H. Baker Drive
Liza Goldwasser, 612 West Delaware
Kari Schriefer, 202 Kenwood Rd., Champaign
Mary Ellen Sronce, 1001 East Florida
Matilda Frankel, 614 Harding Drive
Bland Palmore, 402 West Vermont
Alice L. Lain, 306 East California
Ed Logan, 208 G.H. Baker Drive
Mary L. Moeller, 303 West Illinois
Helen Carlson, 714 West Iowa
Jean Wilson, 505 West Vermont
Perry Morris, 709 West Stoughton
John & Waneta Mehaffey, 804 East Pennsylvania

Rich Cahill, 307 South Orchard, did not wish to speak but wanted to go on record as being opposed to moving Jaques House.

The following people did not speak by wished to go on record as being opposed to the Smith Farm Annexation plans:

Adrienne Witruk, 2112 Easy Street
Neal Witruk, 2112 Easy Street
Ellen Noonan, 2202 Easy Street

Judy Wyatt, 1202 East Harding Drive, addressed the Council regarding the issue of handicapped parking at the Sweet Corn Festival and the Urbana Free Library. Ms. Wyatt stated that she was glad to see the handicapped parking at the library but it had been put in the wrong place.

Alderman Whelan stated that the neighbors of Smith Farms have serious concerns about the impact the plans for annexation will have on their neighborhood. Of particular concern to Alderman Whelan are the traffic on Main Street, the impact on Prairie School, and the development of the Rose Tract.

Mayor Satterthwaite addressed the issue of handicapped parking at the library stating that three options for the handicapped space were considered. In deciding on the location of the parking space, safety hazards needed to be considered. An on street location would involve unloading in the middle of the street, which is a hazard. The spot chosen was the closest to the library.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Administration and Finance

Alderman Pollock moved to approve **Ordinance No. 9697-21**
An Ordinance Approving An Annexation Agreement With The Trust
Estate Of Ruth E. Smith, Robert E. Strube And Smith Farm Limited
Partnership. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns.

Community Development Director requested that this item be continued to the regular Council meeting on September 16, 1996 in order to allow time to answer questions received at the neighborhood meeting.

Following debate regarding the need to have more time for consideration of issues such as traffic issues, the actual type of developments, leasing procedures for apartments, and the involvement of the owners of the property and the City, Alderman Pollock moved to bring this issue back to the Committee on Environment and Public Safety on September 23, 1996. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Pollock stated that the next regular meeting of the Committee on Administration and Finance will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, September 9, 1996, in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

Committee on Environment and Public Safety

Alderwoman Ryan stated that the next regular meeting of the Committee on Environment and Public Safety will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, September 23, 1996, in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Alderwoman Kearns called the attention of the Council to the information she presented to them this evening, which is the latest information from Library Task Force and mentioned the

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Public Hearings that will be September 11, 1996 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Urbana City Council Chambers and September 18, 1996 in the Champaign City Council Chambers. Everyone is encouraged to attend these hearings.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden discussed the development of Southeast Urbana and some of the tasks being undertaken by staff. City Staff, as well as the Adkins Groups, have scheduled the Civic Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m. every third Wednesday for the next five months in order to provide briefings and updates for anyone that wishes to hear them.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that, due to the holidays, the meeting in December will be the second Wednesday, rather than the third.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that CRC is not picking up at the recycling drop off at Jerry's IGA any longer. The City is contacting other firms to see if they would be interested in providing that service.

Alderman Taylor requested a brief break in the meeting. There were no objections.

The meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:12 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Goff, President of the Library Board, gave a presentation on the westward expansion of the Urbana Free Library.

It has taken ten years to reach this point through long range planning. After a space needs analysis and the commission of a feasibility study for expansion, there was a two year delay to consider the concerns regarding the Jaques House.

One-half million people a year utilize the library.

A set of experts, a top local architectural team, a top library facilities consultant and an historical architect all told the board, without preconceived notions, to expand west. A westward expansion meets most of the criteria. Moving the Jaques House was not a problem. Even the state's historical preservation agency's architect praised the 1918 core building and acknowledged that moving the Jaques House is an alternative. Insitu preservation is not a mandate.

The Board needs the City's support to proceed with the expansion. There is a foundation already in place to raise a part of the funding. There are many worthy causes contacting the same people the board would like to contact, so there is a need to move quickly.

The price on this project rises every month we deliberate.

In conclusion, the Library Board would like the City Council to be comfortable with and support this expansion plan.

Alderwoman Kearns stated her support of the westward expansion and the moving of Jaques House, stating her surprise at the poor condition of the foundation of Jaques House. In the near future, there will have to be a foundation put under the house.

Alderwoman Patt stated that the decision is not being made this evening. The public will have input on the expansion next week.

Alderwoman Patt expressed her feeling that the library expansion is needed.

As far as the Jaques House, whether it stays or is moved, there are questions; if it is moved, where will it be moved to, and whether it stays or moves, who is going to maintain it?

Alderwoman Patt stated that it is not a choice between the library and Jaques House and stated her confidence that something can be arrived at to accomplish both goals.

Alderman Whelan stated his mixed feelings about the issue of the library and Jaques House. He stated that while he is aware of Jaques House being in its original location lends to the integrity of a historic landmark, he is also aware of the need to expand the library.

Alderwoman Kearns moved that Council consider the

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Library issue at the first Committee meeting after it receives the report from the Library Task Force. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan.

Following debate, Mayor Pro Tem Pollock took the Chair and Mayor Satterthwaite entered debate.

Following further debate, the motion carried by a show of hands vote.

Mayor Satterthwaite resumed the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

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

AMENDMENTS TO MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1996

Alderwoman Kearns stated that page 7, paragraph 2, first sentence should read: **"...stating her surprise at the Jacques House not having a foundation."**

Alderman Whelan requested to change the last sentence in paragraph 7 of page 7 to: **"... he is in favor of the expansion."**

There were no objections.

The September 3, 1996 minutes of the September 3, 1996 Urbana City Council meeting were approved, as amended, September 16, 1996.