

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1997
URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE - 205 N. RACE STREET, URBANA, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Pollock, Chair; James Hayes, Jr.; Carolyn Kearns; Esther Patt; Marya Ryan; John Taylor; Joseph Whelan, Jr.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor; Phyllis Clark, City Clerk; Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer; Jack Waaler, City Attorney; Eddie Adair, Chief of Police; Ron Eldridge, Comptroller; William Pessemier, Fire Chief; April Getchius, Community Development Director; William Gray, Public Works Director; Glenn Berman, Assistant Public Works Director; Craig Grant, Building Safety Division Manager; Amy Jordan, PEG Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Bernadine Stake; James Woodard; Earl O'Shea; Libby Tyler; Theryl Newland; Allen Booth; Steven Schomberg; Ellis Bromberg; Dr. Ken Gustin; Media

1. Call to Order

Chair Pollock called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

January 13, 1997 -- Ms Kearns made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 1997 and was seconded by Ms Ryan.

Mr. Whelan stated that he believed the minutes, under "Public Input", should reflect that Mr. Michaels was opposed to the U-Cycle Program. He made a motion that the minutes be corrected to state that Mr. Michaels addressed the Committee in opposition to the U-Cycle Program. Mr. Taylor seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Ms Patt noted that on page 2, beginning with "Steve Frankel", the name of the organization Mr. Frankel was representing should read "Students For Environmental **Concerns**", and not "Affairs."

The motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 1997 carried by voice vote, with corrections noted.

4. Public Input

Bernadine Stake, 304 W. Iowa, addressed the Committee in Opposition to The Atkins Group development proposal.

James Woodard, 1805 S. Cottage Grove, addressed the Committee on the topic of handicap parking, expressing his support of the Council's position and opposition to a recent newspaper article published by The News-Gazette.

Earl O'Shea, 606-A Glover, addressed the Committee on the topic of better government and expressed his support.

Libby Tyler, 501 W. Washington, addressed the Committee on the topic of the Rosewood Bikepaths, expressing her opposition. She also entered into record a copy of a report she had prepared.

Theryl Newland, 1813 Ridge Park Dr., addressed the Committee on the topic of Rosewood and spoke to the traffic situation and her opposition to Ms Tyler's report.

Allen Booth, 302 W. High St., addressed the Committee on the topic of New Yorker Apartments, urging them to ask BOCA for their opinion of the building. Mr. Booth also distributed a drawing depicting the building area. (See Attachment A: Public Input/Allen Booth--New Yorker Apts.)

5. University of Illinois Request For Public Access Channel

(See Attachment B: Staff Report/P.E.G. Channel Allocation to the University of Illinois)

Representatives from the University of Illinois (Steven Schomberg, U of I Associate Chancellor; Dr. Ken Gustin, Office of Continuing Education; and Ellis Bromberg, WILL-TV General Manager) addressed the Committee requesting approval for use of an educational access channel. The University's intent at present is to get a signal. The Program Committee will look at what types of programs are available and will interact with the cities of Urbana and Champaign. (See Attachment C: University of Illinois/Schomberg Letter.)

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. An Amendment To An Ordinance Providing For The Disposition Of Impounded Bicycles And Parts

Glenn Berman (Assistant Public Works Director) presented staff's report. (See Attachment D: Staff Report/Disposition of Impounded Bicycles and Parts.) This amendment would shorten the storage of bicycles from six months to three months.

Mr. Whelan moved to send this item to Council for approval. Mrs. Kearns seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. A Resolution Of Support For Application For Illinois Department Of Natural Resources funds By The City of Urbana

William Gray (Public Works Director/City Engineer) presented staff's report. (See Attachment E: Staff Report/Philo Road and Windsor Road Bicycle Path.) Notices regarding this project were sent to residents and a public hearing is scheduled for February 17, 1997. Mr. Gray informed the Committee that this resolution must be approved by Council by March 1, 1997.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Ryan seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. A Resolution For Improvement By Municipality Under The Illinois Highway Code (Reconstruction of Anderson, Fairlawn, and Pennsylvania; Resurfacing on other sections)

(See Attachment F: Staff Report/1997 MFT Reconstruction Resolution.)

Mrs. Kearns made a motion to send this to Council for approval. Mr. Whelan seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. Miscellaneous Internal Borrowings

A. An Ordinance Providing For The Loan Of \$220,000 From The Economic Development Fund Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, To The Urbana Tax Increment Financing District Three Fund And Providing For The Details Of The Repayment Of Said Loan Principle And Interest;

B. An Ordinance Providing For The Loan Of \$250,000 From The Tax Stabilization Fund Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, To The Urbana Tax Increment Financing District Two Fund And Providing For The Details Of The Repayment Of Said Loan Principle And Interest; and

C. An Ordinance Providing For The Loan Of \$400,000 From The Economic Development Fund Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois, To The Urbana Tax Increment Financing District Two fund And Providing For The Details Of The Repayment Of Said Loan Principle And Interest

Ms Patt moved to send these three items to Council for approval. Ms Ryan seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. Fire Service Delivery Alternatives

William Pessemier (Urbana Fire Chief) presented staff's report and did a slide presentation. (See Attachment F: Staff Report/Fire Service Delivery Alternatives.) With regard to the timetable, Chief Pessemier stated that they are waiting on the University of Illinois' study group. They are expected to come back with something by the end of March. More public hearings have been scheduled; one has been set for Thursday evening (February 13th). Chairman Pollock requested that a summary of the public hearings be submitted to Council.

11. An Annexation And Development Agreement With The Atkins Group And An Amendment To The Tabin Annexation Agreement

Mr. Gray and April Getchius (Community Development Services Director) reviewed these documents with the Committee and addressed prior concerns that had been raised regarding the issue of a multi-use path.

Following debate, Ms Ryan made a motion to direct staff to talk with The Atkins Group and report back to the Committee with alternative options regarding this issue; one of which would be to move the multi-purpose path to one side of the street (out of the middle of the road) and to have the sidewalks built on the opposite side, and the second would be to do a standard sidewalk layout. Ms Patt seconded. Debate ensued.

The motion failed by a show of hands.

Following debate, Mayor Satterthwaite noted the time (11:05)

and called for a motion to extend the time of the meeting. Mr. Taylor moved to extend the meeting to 11:35 p.m. Ms Kearns seconded. There were no objections.

Following further debate, Chair Pollock stated that this item would go to Council next week (February 17, 1997).

12. **Building Code Accessibility Update**

Craig Grant (Building Safety Division Manager) presented the staff report. Prior to the meeting Mr. Grant had distributed language from the Building Code regarding "grad plane" relative to the issue of New Yorker Apartments. (See Attachment G: "Current Language".) At the request of Mayor Satterthwaite, Mr. Grant stated that he contacted BOCA, but has not yet received their opinion.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Pollock adjourned the meeting at 11:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.