

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
JUNE 23, 1997
7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Laura Huth, Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt,
John Taylor, Joseph Whelan and Ruth Wyman

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Adair,
Matt Webber, Bill Gray, April Getchius, Bruce Stoffel,
Craig Grant, Jack Waaler and Bruce Walden

Others Present:

Marya Ryan, Michael Fuerst, Connie Pyle, Melissa
Murphy, Daniell Chynoweth, Kay Connelly, Sean Connelly,
Earl O'Shea, Judy Wyatt and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chairperson Patt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mayor Satterthwaite thanked the Urbana School District for their hospitality during the time the City Council Chambers were under construction.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that Craig Grant was present at this meeting to answer any questions the Committee might have about the recent memo regarding the New Yorker Apartments.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Ms. Kearns moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 1997 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Marya Ryan, 1 Buena Vista Court; Michael Fuerst, 802 N. Broadway; Connie Pyle, 77 Oakwood; Melissa Murphy, 909 W. Harvard, Champaign; Daniell Chynoweth, 203 E. Oregon; Kay Connelly, 1014 W. Vine, Champaign; and Sean Connelly, 1014 W. Vine, Champaign; addressed the Committee in support of Chairperson Patt's proposed amendments to the Lincoln Mobile Home Park Relocation Plan.

Earl O'Shea, 606A S. Glover, addressed the Committee on the topic of government for all.

Judy Wyatt, 1202 E. Harding Drive, addressed the Committee on the topic of the Champaign County Housing Authority.

Review of Traffic Commission Minutes

There were no comments.

An Ordinance Amending The Schedule Of Fees To Include The Urbana Public Television Membership Fees

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden and Ms. Kearns made comments regarding the reduction in the fees which had been suggested previously.

Ms. Wyman moved to approve **An Ordinance Amending The Schedule Of Fees To Include The Urbana Public Television Membership Fees** that the second "of fees" be deleted from Section 1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns. Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved to postpone this to the Committee of the Whole on July 14, 1997. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

Lincoln Mobile Home Park Relocation Plan

Community Development Director April Getchius and Grants Management Manager Bruce Stoffel presented staff report on the status of the Lincoln Mobile Home Park relocation and assignment of benefits and reviewed a memo from April Getchius to Bruce Walden dated June 23, 1997. (See Attachment A)

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to amend the Lincoln Mobile Home Park Resident Relocation Guidelines adopted by the City Council on January 6, 1997. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth.

Ms. Wyman moved to separate the question into the five

(5) changes listed on the motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth.

The first part of the question is to add to Benefit #2. Replacement Mobile Home Payment. "A mobile home will be considered nonmovable if the household has one or more children enrolled in the King School language program, had moved to a location outside of the Urbana School District prior to January 6, 1997 and subsequently chooses to move back into the Urbana School District."

Following debate, this part of the question failed 3-4 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Huth, Patt and Wyman - 3; voting nay: Hayes, Kearns, Taylor and Whelan.

The second part of the question is to add to Benefit #2. Replacement Mobile Home Payment. "If a household moved prior to January 6, 1997 and sold or abandoned the mobile home it owned in Lincoln Mobile Home Park, the home shall be considered nonmovable and the household shall be entitled to a comparable mobile home cash equivalent, minus amount received for sale of the mobile home."

Following debate, this part of the question failed 3-4 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Huth, Patt and Wyman - 3; voting nay: Hayes, Kearns, Taylor and Whelan.

The third part of the question adds to Benefit #4. Mobile Home Repairs. "The City shall pay for all repairs necessary to bring the home up to code."

Following debate, the motion was amended to read as follows: "The City shall pay for all repairs necessary to bring the home up to code." was changed to "This will include all repairs necessary to bring the home into compliance with life safety repairs."

Following further debate, this part of the motion, as amended, carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan and Wyman - 7; voting nay: none.

The fourth part of the question was to add the words in bold and remove the strike through in the following: 2. Benefit Review Committee. A Benefit Review Committee shall be

established to hear and act on grievances, within ten working days, from displaced residents and to determine an appropriate level of benefits in cases involving the Credit History Payment or other special needs. The Benefit Review Committee shall consist of an Urbana City Council member, a staff member from the City of Urbana Department of Community Development Services, the Mayor of the City of Urbana, a representative of the Weisiger Family Tryst, **a resident advocate chosen by Friends of Lincoln Park Residents**, a third party representative appointed by the Mayor of the City of Urbana. It is the intent of the Benefit Review Committee to assure that all legitimate moving expenses incurred by residents are compensated. **All meetings of the Benefits Review Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the "Guidelines for Conduct of Benefits Review Committee" (below).** ~~Decisions of the Benefit Review Committee shall be final.~~ The Benefit review Committee shall meet as needed until all grievances filed prior to January 1, 1998 are resolved. **If any vote of the Committee shall result in a tie, or if a resident wishes to appeal the decision of the Benefits Review Committee, the decision shall be appealed to the City Council Committee of the Whole.**

This part of the question failed 3-4 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Huth, Patt and Wyman - 3; voting nay: Hayes, Kearns, Taylor and Whelan.

The fifth part of the motion is to add: **Guidelines for Conduct of Benefits Review Committee** 1. Any residents appearing before the Committee shall have the right to be represented by an advocate of their choice. 2. All Committee members' questions shall be directed to the chair who shall repeat each question and call on a specific person to answer it. 3. All questions about the Lincoln Mobile Home Park Relocation Guidelines and their implementation, as well as all questions about the City's actions in relation to Lincoln Mobile Home Park redevelopment and resident relocation shall be answered by the Community Development Director or her designee.

Ms. Wyman moved an amendment to these guidelines as follows: The Benefits Review Committee shall not have the authority to deny any benefits already agreed to by staff prior to the Committee hearing an appeal. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth. The motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Huth, Patt and Wyman - 3; voting nay: Hayes, Kearns, Taylor and Whelan.

The fifth part of the motion carried 6-0-1 by roll call

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vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Taylor, Whelan and Wyman - 6; voting nay: none. Chairperson Patt voted present.

An Ordinance Providing For The Loan Of \$115,000 From The Tax Stabilization 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

Ms. Getchius stated that this ordinance is the actual loan document that provides for the internal loaning of the \$115,000 for Lincoln Mobile Home Park.

Ms. Wyman moved to send **An Ordinance Providing For The Loan Of \$115,000 From The Tax Stabilization 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** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

A Resolution Supporting The Housing Authority Of Champaign County's HOPE VI Grant Application

Ms. Getchius stated that this is a matter of parliamentary procedure.

Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to send **A Resolution Supporting The Housing Authority Of Champaign County's HOPE VI Grant Application** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Wyman moved to send to Council a recommendation that the Housing Authority include a plan for replacing the number of subsidized units lost because of renting to higher income. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth.

Following debate, the motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Huth, Patt and Wyman - 3; voting nay: Hayes, Kearns, Taylor and Whelan - 4.

Resolution For Improvement By Municipality Under The Illinois Highway Code (Supplemental Resolution For 1994 Pedestrian Ramp Project)

Public Works Director Bill Gray stated that this resolution is paperwork on work that has already been completed. This paperwork is necessary for the Illinois Department of Transportation auditors.

Mr. Hayes moved to send Resolution For Improvement By Municipality Under The Illinois Highway Code (Supplemental Resolution For 1994 Pedestrian Ramp Project) to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Vacating An Alley Between Wright Street And Romine North Of Eads Street

Mr. Gray stated that the City is recommending that this alley be vacated. Residents in the area see a greater need for it to be vacated. The alley does not function as a public access for residents.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to send An Ordinance Vacating An Alley Between Wright Street And Romine North Of Eads Street to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Rules Committee Report

Chairperson Patt stated that Council had neglected to appoint a Chairperson for the Rule Committee and requested a nomination for that position.

Mr. Whelan moved to appoint Mr. Taylor as Chair of the Rules Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Taylor stated that additional transcribed closed meeting minutes have been received. The Committee would like to bring those to Council on July 7, 1997 with recommendations for release and retention. Those minutes would then be available to all Council Members in the two weeks following July 7.

Appointments to Committees, Commissions And Boards

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that he will not be present at the July 7 meeting and requested that Committee entertain these tonight so that he will be able to answer questions about the people he is recommending.

Mr. Whelan moved to send the appointment of Ms. Kearns to the Champaign-Urbana Cable and Telecommunications Commission to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Huth moved that Council members receive names and resumes of all individuals applying for any Commissions, Committees or Boards along with the recommendation for appointment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman. Following debate, the motion failed by a voice vote.

Ms. Wyman moved to table the remaining appointments until resumes are received in the packet. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and failed by a voice vote.

Mr. Taylor moved to send the appointment of Doug Aldeen to the Urbana Plan Commission to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved to send the appointment of Dick Halberstat to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Taylor moved to send the appointment of Ralph Langenheim to the Human Relations Commission to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Whelan moved to send the appointment of Jane Williams to the Library Board to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairperson Patt declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

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*This meeting was recorded.
**This meeting was broadcast on public television.