

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
JULY 28, 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,
Fire and Rescue Chief Pessemier, April Getchius, Bruce
Stoffel, and Jack Waaler

Others Present:

John Lee Johnson, Peter Miller, Mike Doyle, Allen
Booth, David Johnson, Andre C. Jones, Belden Fields and
Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

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

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Community Development Director April Getchius stated
that downtown parking demands are being evaluated in order to
evaluate future needs.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Ms. Kearns moved to approve the minutes of the July 14,
1997 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was
seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

John Lee Johnson, 309 S. State Street, Champaign,
addressed the Committee in opposition to the prevailing wage

being enforced in non-profit building projects.

Peter Miller, 808 S. Race Street; Belden Fields, 206 W. Pennsylvania Avenue; and Mike Doyle, 411 W. Park Street, addressed the Committee in support of the prevailing wage resolution.

Allen Booth, 302 W. High Street, addressed the Committee regarding BOCA and safety issues in connection with the New Yorker apartment building.

David Johnson and Andre C. Jones, representing the Carpenter's Union 44, did not address the Committee but indicated their support for the prevailing wage resolution.

Chairman Hayes stated that he had received a letter from Betty Williams regarding the change in the Mass Transit District schedule in her neighborhood. Ms. Williams stated her opposition to busses running until midnight. Ms. Williams requested that her letter be an official part of the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on July 28, 1997.

Review of Traffic Commission Minutes

Ms. Wyman inquired if the issue regarding the painting yellow on the curb for 25 feet in each direction from the center of the alley on Cedar Street between High Street and Green Street would come to Council for approval? Ms. Getchius stated that she would get back to Ms. Wyman with an answer.

A Joint Champaign-Urbana Resolution Regarding Prevailing Wages

Ms. Wyman stated that Mayor Satterthwaite has prepared a resolution for review by the City of Champaign and local unions which should be returning to Council/Committee for review.

Ms. Wyman discussed the advantages of the prevailing wage resolution stating that the cities of Bloomington/Normal and Springfield have already approved such resolutions.

A Joint Champaign-Urbana Resolution Regarding Prevailing Wages will return to Committee for further discussion at a later date.

A Resolution Approving A Renewal Application For Supportive Housing Program Funds From The U.S. Department Of Housing And

Urban Development, Homeless Families In Transition

Grants Management Manager Bruce Stoffel presented staff report on this resolution. HUD has announced that all programs whose funding expires by June 30, 1998, would be eligible to apply for renewal grants for an additional three years. This would apply to the Homeless Families In Transition grant.

Applicants cannot apply for these grants individually therefore staff proposes that the City file an "Associated Application" with the Mental Health Center of Champaign County (MHCCC). The City would serve as grant applicant and program administrator.

This application would not involve city funds. Staff recommends City Council approval of this application.

Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to send **A Resolution Approving A Renewal Application For Supportive Housing Program Funds From The U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development, Homeless Families In Transition** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

A Resolution Approving A Renewal Application For Supportive Housing Program Funds From The U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development, City of Urbana Transitional Housing

Mr. Stoffel stated that the terms of this grant are much the same as the grant for Homeless Families In Transition. In this application, the City would serve as grant applicant, program administrator, and provider of housing and supportive services.

This program has been funded by HUD for the last six years, and has one more year of funding available under the current renewal grant. Matching funds for this program have been provided by city general funds, rent collections, and CDBG monies. Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved to send **A Resolution Approving A Renewal Application For Supportive Housing Program Funds From The U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development, City of Urbana Transitional Housing** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

Neighborhood Center Update

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Ms. Getchius stated that an ad hoc committee has been established to work toward neighborhood ideas for the neighborhood center and to determine whether it is more feasible to use the Girls, Inc. property or find a new site. Anyone interested in serving on that committee should contact the Community Development Division office.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Hayes declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary