

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 1997

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 1997, in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hayes, James (Alderman Ward 3)  
Huth, Laura (Alderdwoman Ward 5)  
Kearns, Carolyn (Alderdwoman Ward 4)  
Patt, Esther (Alderdwoman Ward 1)  
Taylor, John (Alderman Ward 7)  
Whelan, Joseph (Alderman Ward 6)  
Wyman, Ruth (Alderdwoman Ward 2)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce K. Walden; Steven Holz; Eddie Adair; William Pessemier; April Getchius; William Gray; Bruce Stoffel; Jay Getz

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Earl O'Shea; Frieda Wascher; Barry Suits; David Johnson; Mike Lehman; Jeffrey Deem; Jim Visel; Linda Applequist; James Strehlow; Bernadine Stake; Allen Booth; Media

Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**A. Minutes Of Previous Meeting**

August 4, 1997 -- Alderdwoman Patt made a motion to approve the minutes of August 4, 1997. Alderman Hayes seconded.

Alderdwoman Huth noted a typo in the first sentence on page 3 of the minutes; "ticked" should read "ticketed." There were no objections to this correction.

The motion to approve the minutes of August 4, 1997 carried by voice vote, as amended.

**B. Additions To The Agenda**

Mayor Satterthwaite noted that material was distributed in Council packets regarding Outlot 2 of Hollywood Subdivision, however, this item did not appear on the agenda. He suggested adding this to the agenda under "New Business" before item #H.4. There were no objections. This item will appear as #H.3.a.

## C. Petitions And Communications

### Audience Participation

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

Frieda Wascher, 803 W. Fairview, addressed the Council with concerns about the MTD (Mass Transit District) Saturday route for the Grey Line. She inquired if anything had been done with changing this route and requested that the Mayor look into whether the board positions could become elected versus appointed.

Barry Suits, representing Northern Illinois Water Corporation, addressed the Council in support of the Ordinance No. 9798-19 titled, "An Ordinance Approving A Special Use Permit (To permit a water storage facility at Lot 1 of Urbana School District 116 Subdivision No. 1, Northeast of Washington Street and Pfeffer Road - Plan Case No. 1664-SU-97)."

The following people addressed the Council in support of the proposed prevailing wage ordinance:

David Johnson, 903 S. Elm Blvd. (Champaign), representing  
Carpenters Union 44;  
Mike Lehman, 608 E. Green;  
Jeffrey Deem, 1409 E. Pennsylvania;  
Jim Visel, 802 N. Busey, representing Carpenters Union 44 and  
community; and  
James Strehlow, 907 Anderson

Linda Applequist, 204 Pell Circle, addressed the Council on the topic of handicapped parking enforcement. (See attachment A: Petition & Communication/Enforcement of Handicapped Parking - Part 2/Applequist.)

Bernadine Stake, 304 W. Iowa St., addressed the Council on the topic of the special use permit for the proposed water storage facility and requested that the Council add screening around the storage facility as a requirement in order to separate industry from residential.

Allen Booth addressed the Council with response from previous input brought-up at the last Council meeting on the topic of The New Yorker Apartments.

### Council Member Participation

Alderman Whelan complimented City staff on the following accomplishments:

*Public Works* -- For repairs made on Adam Street (by K-Mart) where the concrete was undermined and seriously cracked; and on the

railroad right-of-way improvement where there was some concern about water drainage. The Public Works Department has installed a drainage tile through the middle of it which makes it "water free."

*Community Development* -- For the "Street Talk" publication put together by Lori Brunner and Jay Getz.

Aldерwoman Patt commented on the MTD concerns raised by Mrs. Wascher and suggested that some type of formal communication from the City be made to the MTD pointing out that we are interested in people getting to downtown to shop and in our citizens being able to get around on the bus. Mayor Satterthwaite stated that he would try to contact them this week to see what their process has been.

#### **D. Old Business**

There was none.

#### **E. Reports of Standing Committees**

##### **1. Committee Of The Whole**

- a. Ordinance No. 9798-20: ***An Ordinance Regarding Appointment of Champaign County Housing Authority Commissioner***

Aldерwoman Kearns made a motion to approve. Alderman Taylor seconded.

Mayor Satterthwaite distributed a newer version of the ordinance to the Council which indicated changes to the wording in Section 2.

Aldерwoman Patt made a moved to substitute the motion to approve the newer version. Aldерwoman Wyman seconded. Following debate, the vote on the motion to substitute was as follows:

Hayes - Aye	Taylor - Aye
Huth - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Kearns - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Patt - Aye	

The motion to substitute carried by roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay).

The vote on the main motion to approve was as follows:

Hayes - Aye	Taylor - Aye
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Huth - Aye  
Kearns - Aye  
Patt - Aye

Whelan - Aye  
Wyman - Aye

**Disposition:** The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9798-20, "An Ordinance Regarding Appointment of Champaign County Housing Authority Commissioner", was approved by Council.

b. ***Appointment to Champaign County Housing Authority (Jeanette Donaldson)***

Alderwoman Kearns made a motion to approve and was seconded by Alderman Whelan. The motion carried by voice vote.

c. Ordinance No. 9798-21: ***An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Telecommunications Consultant - \$7,000)***

Alderwoman Kearns made a motion to approve. Alderman Hayes seconded.

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

Hayes - Aye	Taylor - Aye
Huth - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Kearns - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Patt - Aye	Mayor Satterthwaite - Aye

**Disposition:** The motion carried by a roll call vote (8\*-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9798-21, "An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Telecommunications Consultant - \$7,000)", was approved by Council. [\*Requires Mayor vote.]

d. Ordinance No. 9798-22: ***An Ordinance Abandoning "Hickory Street Extended" As Public Right-Of-Way***

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

Hayes - Aye	Taylor - Aye
Huth - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Kearns - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Patt - Aye	

**Disposition:** The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9798-22, "An Ordinance Abandoning "Hickory Street Extended" As Public Right-Of-Way", was approved by Council.

With nothing further to report, Alderwoman Kearns stated that the next meeting of the Council's Committee Of The Whole will be Monday, August 25, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**F. Reports of Special Committees**

There were none.

**G. Reports of Officers**

There were none.

**H. New Business**

1. Ordinance No. 9798-19: ***An Ordinance Approving A Special Use Permit (To permit a water storage facility at Lot 1 of Urbana School District 116 Subdivision No. 1, Northeast of Washington Street and Pfeffer Road - Plan Case No. 1664-SU-97)***

Jay Getz (Senior Planner) presented the staff report to Council and also showed a slide depicting the location of the site.

During debate, Alderman Whelan stated that he would like to see a recommendation from the City Arborist and Northern Illinois Water Corporation (NIWC) staff regarding the kind of buffer they intend to use. He later made a motion to include language stated by Mr. Getz in the staff report. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman. Debate ensued.

Following debate, Alderman Taylor moved to table this issue until after agenda item H.3.a is heard in order to allow Mr. Getz some time to review concerns raised by Council with representatives of NIWC seated in the audience. Alderman Hayes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

*[Note: Minutes will reflect the disposition of this issue following agenda item H.3.a. The numbering will remain the same.]*

2. Ordinance No. 9798-18: **An Ordinance Approving A Preliminary And Final Plat (Urbana School District 116 Subdivision No. 1 - Plan Case No. 1664-S-97)**

*[Note: This issue was included with the tabling of the previous agenda item, since they are related. The disposition of this case will appear in the minutes following agenda item H.1, once it is put back on the floor.]*

3. Ordinance No. 9798-23: **An Amendment To The Comprehensive Plan Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (The Downtown To Campus Plan, Wood Street Neighborhood)**

April Getchius (Community Development Director) presented the staff report to Council.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Wyman seconded. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Hayes - Aye	Taylor - Aye
Huth - Aye	Whelan - Aye
Kearns - Aye	Wyman - Aye
Patt - Aye	

**Disposition:** The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9798-23, "An Amendment To The Comprehensive Plan Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (The Downtown To Campus Plan, Wood Street Neighborhood)", was approved by Council.

- 3a. **An Ordinance For The Sale Of Outlot 2 Of Hollywood Subdivision (Nonbuildable 25' x 120' Strip)**

Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Wyman seconded.

On behalf of City Attorney Jack Waaler, who was absent, Alderman Taylor explained how the City of Urbana obtained this land and why it is described as a nonbuildable lot. This parcel of land directly adjoins a single-family home located at 1203 S. Anderson and has been maintained by these property owners for a number of years as part of their side yard. Since the property is not buildable and the City has no use for it, it is proposed that it be conveyed to the adjoining property owners at no charge.

Following debate, Alderwoman Patt moved to defer. Alderwoman Wyman seconded.

**Disposition:** "An Ordinance For The Sale Of Outlot 2 Of Hollywood Subdivision (Nonbuildable 25' x 120' Strip)" was deferred by Council. This item will reappear at the next Council meeting in two weeks.

1. (Continued)

Mr. Getz distributed new language for Section 2 of the ordinance to read as follows:

*"Section 2. The special use permit shall be valid only under the conditions that:*

*a) a security fence be erected around the facility; and*

*b) through the City of Urbana's Cooperative Tree Planting Program to a cap of \$2,000, Northern Illinois Water Corporation will plant trees along the east side of Pfeffer Road right-of-way from approximately 100 feet north of the northern boundary of Lot 2 of Urbana School District 116 Subdivision No. 1 to the south to a point north of Illinois Street, and along the north side of Washington Street, with final planting location and species subject to the written approval of the City Arborist."*

Alderman Whelan moved to substitute his previous motion with the new language presented by Mr. Getz. There was no objection by Alderwoman Wyman, who was the seconder to the previous motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

The vote on the main motion on the floor to approve the ordinance was as follows:

Hayes - Aye

Taylor - Aye

Huth - Aye                                      Whelan - Aye  
Kearns - Aye                                    Wyman - Aye  
Patt - Aye

**Disposition:** The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9798-19, "An Ordinance Approving A Special Use Permit (To permit a water storage facility at Lot 1 of Urbana School District 116 Subdivision No. 1, Northeast of Washington Street and Pfeffer Road - Plan Case No. 1664-SU-97)", was approved by Council.

2.        (Continued)

Mr. Getz made the staff presentation to Council.

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

Hayes - Aye                                    Taylor - Aye  
Huth - Aye                                    Whelan - Aye  
Kearns - Aye                                Wyman - Aye  
Patt - Aye

**Disposition:** The motion carried by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay). Ordinance No. 9798-18: An Ordinance Approving A Preliminary And Final Plat (Urbana School District 116 Subdivision No. 1 - Plan Case No. 1664-S-97)", was approved by Council.

4.        **Mayoral Appointments:**

a.        **Urbana Plan Commission (Doug Aldeen)**

Mayor Satterthwaite gave a brief report about the vacancies on the Plan Commission. At present there is one vacancy, and two current commissioners (Libby Tyler and Richard Marlatt) do not wish to be reappointed; leaving a total of three vacancies. Applications were sent to persons who had contacted the Mayor's office with an interest in serving on the Plan Commission.

Mayor Satterthwaite recommended Doug Aldeen for appointment to the Plan Commission. *Mr. Aldeen* is a resident of Urbana and is currently employed as an attorney with the law firm of Erwin, Martinkus, Cole and Ansel.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the appointment of Doug Aldeen to the Plan Commission. Alderwoman Kearns seconded.

Following debate, Alderwoman Huth requested a roll call vote on the motion. The vote was as follows:



Hayes - Aye	Taylor - Aye
Huth - Nay	Whelan - Aye
Kearns - Aye	Wyman - Nay
Patt - Aye	

**Disposition:** The motion carried by a roll call vote (5-aye:2-nay). The appointment of Doug Aldeen to the Urbana Plan Commission was approved by Council.

b. **Urbana Public Television Commission (Dr. Robert Nielsen and Ms Heather Young)**

Mayor Satterthwaite presented the names of Dr. Robert Nielsen and Heather Young as his recommendation for appointment to the Urbana Public Television Commission. *Dr. Nielsen* is the Assistant Superintendent for Urbana School District 116 and has attended Urbana Cable Advisory Committee meetings during the development of UPTV. *Ms Young* is the Marketing Director for the Urbana Park District. She actively pursued the use of Urbana Public Television to promote Park District programs and also assisted in the development of a training course for public access users through the Urbana Park District.

Alderman Whelan made a motion to approve the appointments of Dr. Nielsen and Ms Young to the Urbana Public Television Commission. Alderwoman Kearns seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Disposition:** The recommendation of Dr. Robert Nielsen and Ms Heather Young for appointment to the Urbana Public Television Commission was approved by Council.

**I. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts  
Recording Secretary

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

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