

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
FEBRUARY 9, 1998
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 Eddie
Adair, April Getchius, Bruce Stoffel, and Jack Waaler

Others Present:

Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Wyman called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Ms. Kearns announced that there will be a special meeting of the Champaign-Urbana Joint Cable and Telecommunications Commission at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 1998 at the Original Pancake House.

Ms. Kearns stated that in the packets there was a copy of a letter that is going out from the Traffic Commission to constituents, to let them know the names of the Members of the Traffic Commission and who to contact with their concerns.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 1998 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan. Ms. Huth requested to add at the end of Steven Mullen's public comments that Mr. Mullen suggested to use

native plants wherever possible. There were no objections. The minutes, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Mr. Whelan stated that his constituents living near the proposed movie theater project have expressed an interest in having a masonry wall eight feet high the full length behind their property for privacy and security.

Mr. Whelan stated that if the developer does not consider the concerns of the people in that area, he will not vote for the project.

A Resolution Authorizing An Application For Funds Through The Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program

Grants Management Manager Bruce Stoffel presented staff report on this resolution stating that it is a proposed application for funding through the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA). If granted by IHDA, Trust funds would be used by the City to supplement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds budgeted for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation. Availability of Trust funds would make it possible for the City to increase the number of houses rehabilitated through the CDBG/HOME program and to service households on the housing rehab waiting list sooner.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to send **A Resolution Authorizing An Application For Funds Through The Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Execution Of A Contract For Technical And Advisory Planning Services With Champaign County Regional Planning Commission For Administration Of The Small Rental Properties Program

Mr. Stoffel stated that this resolution would authorize a contract with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission for technical and rehabilitation services related to the Small Rental Properties Program funded through the City's HOME Program. If the contract is approved by City Council, the Regional Planning Commission will assign staff to assist Community Development staff in implementing the Small Rental Properties Program in accordance with the City's Annual Action Plan.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Wyman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

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