

URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 6, 1998

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 6, 1998 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

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

Present at the meeting were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan, and Wyman - 7; absent: none.

Also present were staff members: Police Chief Eddie Adair, Fire Chief Bill Pessemier, Bruce Walden, Jack Waaler, Bill Gray, Bruce Stoffel, Glenn Berman, Amy Rose, and Phyllis Clark.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Patt moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 1998 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Satterthwaite requested that item H.1. **Ord. No. 9798-99: An Ordinance Approving An Agreement Between Various Property Owners Respecting Agreed Property Boundary Lines** be removed from the agenda. There were no objections.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Don Browning, representing the Champaign Firefighters, addressed the Council in support of the Urbana Firefighters and with concerns regarding the mutual aid agreement.

Cheryl Horvath, representing Urbana Firefighters Local 1147, addressed the Council with concerns regarding the mutual aid agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Of The Whole

Alderman Whelan moved to approve **Ord. No. 9798-98: An Ordinance Changing A Street Name (Cunningham Avenue)**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Patt and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan, and Wyman; voting nay: none.

Alderman Whelan moved to adopt **Res. No. 9798-R25: A Resolution Amending Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines As Originally Authorized By Resolution 7576-26**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman. Following debate, Alderman Whelan moved to set the limit for assets at \$8,000 for both the grant deferred loans and grant installment loans. The motion was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

Following further debate, Alderwoman Kearns moved that action on **Res. No. 9798-R25: A Resolution Amending Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines As Originally Authorized By Resolution 7576-26** be postponed until the April 27, 1998 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Whelan moved to adopt **Res. No. 9798-R26: A Resolution Approving The 1998 Update Of the Capital Improvement Plan For The City Of Urbana**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden presented the Multi-Year Financial Plan and Policies for 1998 to Council members.

Mr. Walden discussed the electric deregulation process stating that the City has proposed

an approval process and timing that is relatively short. Public Act 9561 requires a change in how utility taxes are assessed from a percentage on gross cost to an excise or consumption type tax where a tax rate is assessed on a kilowatt hour use. In order to meet the timetable of the Illinois Commerce Commission to review proposed ordinance and rates, approval of the ordinance is required this month.

Roger Pontifax, representing Illinois Power, will give a presentation at the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole on April 13, 1998 and answer questions Council members might have.

Mr. Walden stated that there is a proposal coming to Council regarding the METCAD 911 Referendum that will ask the voters of Champaign County to authorize a seventy five cent increase in the telephone surcharge for the use of replacement of aging 911 dispatch equipment.

Al Anderson, Director at METCAD, will make a presentation and answer questions regarding use of funds and proposal and process at the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Monday, April 13, 1998. In order to place this referendum on the November ballot, the cities of Urbana, Champaign, Rantoul and the County Board need to approve identical ordinances to do so. Staff would like to have approval in April if possible.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.