

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AUGUST 24, 1998
7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Joseph Whelan (Excused)

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Eddie Adair, April Getchius, Bill Gray, Craig Grant, Bruce Walden, Jack Waaler, Steve Holz, Rod Fletcher, Matt Weber, and Glenn Berman.

Others Present:

Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

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

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 1998 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman. Ms. Patt requested to change "Chair Patt" to "Chair Hayes" in the last paragraph under Adjournment. There were no objections. The minutes, as amended, were approved by a voice vote.

Public Input

There was none.

An Amendment To The City Code Of The City Of Urbana (Chapter 24 Entitled "Vegetation")

Environmental Manager Rod Fletcher presented staff report stating that this ordinance addresses concerns expressed by Council regarding enforcement procedures for nuisances, and specifically vegetation violations.

Recommendations include changing the name of the Article to make it broader in scope, from "Noxious Weeds" to "Landscape Management"; revising Definitions; changing the violation notification process, and changing the penalties enforced following court conviction.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved that this ordinance be forwarded to the September 28, 1998 meeting of the Committee of the Whole for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Amending Schedule H Of Section 8-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs At Certain Intersections (Burlison Drive, George Huff Drive, and Bourdreau Drive)

Assistant City Engineer Joe Smith presented staff report and passed out an amended copy of the above ordinance. The new ordinance added a section which states " That Schedule I of Section 8-4, entitled "Yield Signs Pursuant to Section 8-4", of Article VIII of the Urbana Local Traffic Code, is hereby amended by DELETING from that schedule the following intersection where drivers of vehicles shall be required to yield before entering the intersection:

Boudreau Drive Southbound Burlison Drive

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to send **An Ordinance Amending Schedule H Of Section 8-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs At Certain Intersections (Burlison Drive, George Huff Drive, and Bourdreau Drive)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

An Amendment To The City Code Of The City Of Urbana (Model Codes, Building Code, CABO One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code, and Fire Prevention Code)

Community Development Director April Getchius and Building Safety Division Manager Craig Grant presented staff report on this ordinance stating several options for changes to code enforcement procedures were discussed at a previous Committee meeting. Staff was directed to further review these options and return to

Committee with proposed implementation of these changes. Issues discussed were: 1) Change minimum penalty; 2) Eliminate the third notice; 3) Bond violations; and 4) Property Maintenance Commission.

Following debate on these issues, Mr. Taylor moved to send 1) Change minimum penalty to Council for approval and bring items 3) Bond for violations, and 4) Property Maintenance Commission to the Committee meeting of September 28, 1998 for further discussion. No action was necessary on 2) Eliminate the third notice. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Amending Sections Of The Urbana Code Of Ordinances (Liquor Code)

Mayor Satterthwaite presented staff report on this ordinance. This ordinance addresses an automatic increase in the number of liquor licenses if the terms of an annexation or development agreement requires a liquor license as a part of the agreement; defines the word restaurant; removes "No part of the area encompassed shall be public right of way except for a T-2 License." From "Section 3-42. Class T Licenses., and that by the glass liquor sales can be made for consumption only on the premises.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved to send **An Ordinance Amending Sections Of The Urbana Code Of Ordinances (Liquor Code)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Assigning Newly Annexed Territory To Appropriate Ward

City Attorney Jack Waaler presented staff report stating that the Illinois Municipal Code provides that , upon annexation, the Corporate Authorities shall make the annexed territory a part of the ward to which it adjoins. In the past, these ward assignments were made administratively unless changed by the Council during ward re-districting.

The above ordinance would automatically assign newly annexed territory to the ward to which it is contiguous, unless Council chooses to provide differently.

Following debate, this ordinance was deemed unnecessary and no action was taken on **An Ordinance Assigning Newly Annexed Territory To Appropriate Ward.**

Ms. Patt moved to direct Engineering to develop a map that shows the current territory of the City with the Ward assignments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Extending The Grant Of License Relating To High Street

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden presented staff report on this ordinance. This ordinance extends the license agreement that was granted to the University of Illinois for construction of Parking on High Street. It extends the license to use that right of way until October 5, 1998.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved to send An Ordinance Extending The Grant of License Relating To High Street to Council . The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Walden presented the current status of the Lincoln Corridor Agreement. (Lincoln Corridor Agreement Final Draft attached.)

An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (901 North Division Avenue)

Ms. Getchius presented staff report on this ordinance stating that the City owns 903 North Division Avenue and uses it as transitional housing. If the City purchases 901 North Division Avenue, the properties would be combined providing a larger, more secure property. The cost of the acquisition is \$7,150 plus real estate taxes of \$180 and the clearance of the property would be approximately \$200. This would be paid through Community Development Block Grant funds.

Ms. Wyman moved to send An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (901 North Division Avenue) to the September 8, 1998 Council meeting for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget (Emergency Siren Installation)

Assistant to the Director of Public Works Glenn Berman presented staff report on the above ordinance. Under the original plan for the emergency warning siren project, the City, using a federal grant, replaced all of its sirens with new state-of-the-art equipment. The number of sirens was increased from 6 to 11 to insure adequate coverage everywhere in Urbana. Actual coverage in some areas of the City was not achieved at the level anticipated at the start of the project. Staff is recommending adding an additional 6 new siren sites. No City funds are required for this project.

Ms. Wyman moved to send An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget (Emergency Siren Installation) to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

Closed Session On Pending Litigation

Mr. Hayes moved to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried 6-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, and Wyman – 6; voting nay: none.

The Committee entered into closed session at 9: 10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:40 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Kearns declared the meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor, Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

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