

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

APRIL 26, 1999

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Laura Huth, Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt, John Taylor, Joseph Whelan, and Ruth Wyman (Chair)

Committee Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Eddie Adair, Jack Waaler, Bill Gray, Joe Smith, Bruce Stoffel, and Bruce Walden

Others Present:

Mike Lehman, Bob Leach, and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Wyman called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were no additions or staff report.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 1999 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Mike Lehman, representing the Supervalu Workers Support Group, addressed the Committee with an update of the labor situation with Supervalu and expressed the thanks of the group for the support of the

Committee.

Bob Leach, representing UCAN, was present to answer any questions the Committee might have regarding **Ord. No. 1999-03-017: An Ordinance Approving An Urbana HOME Consortium/City Of Urbana Recipient Agreement (United Citizens and Neighbors – Homebuyers Program)**

Ms. Kearns addressed the Committee to state that the minutes from the Traffic Commission with a copy of the minutes of the Urbana School District Safety Advisory Committee were in the Committee packets. The School District Safety Advisory Committee is now in operation and Joe Smith, Assistant City Engineer; and Oscar Gamble, from the Police Department, are on that committee.

Ord. No. 1999-03-017: An Ordinance Approving An Urbana HOME Consortium/City Of Urbana Recipient Agreement (United Citizens and Neighbors – Home Buyers Program)

Grants Management Manager Bruce Stoffel presented staff report on this ordinance stating that this is a proposed agreement between the City of Urbana and United Citizens and Neighbors (UCAN). The agreement pledges \$25,000 in FY 1997-1998 Community Development Block Grant funds and \$40,000 in FY 1997-1998 HOME funds to UCAN for implementation of a Homebuyer program. UCAN proposes to acquire, rehabilitate, and sell a single family residence in the King Park/Crystal Lake neighborhood. This agreement provides for setting up a revolving fund through which additional properties can be acquired, renovated and sold by UCAN in that same area.

Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to send **Ord. No. 1999-03-017: An Ordinance Approving An Urbana HOME Consortium/City Of Urbana Recipient Agreement (United Citizens and Neighbors – Homebuyers Program)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried by a voice vote.

Ord. No. 1999-04-023: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H Of Section H Of Section 8-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs At Certain Intersections (Butzow Drive at Guardian Drive, and Wilson Drive at Butzow Drive)

Assistant City Engineer Joe Smith presented staff report on the above ordinance. The ordinance would place a stop sign for westbound and eastbound Butzow Drive at Guardian Drive and northbound Wilson Drive at Butzow Drive. These stop signs are required as part of the new street construction at the Guardian West building. Due to reconstruction and reconfiguration of the intersections in this area, these stop signs are warranted under Section 2B-5 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to send **Ord. No. 1999-04-023: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H Of Section 8-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs At Certain Intersections (Butzow Drive at Guardian Drive, and Wilson Drive at Butzow Drive)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Ord. No. 1999-04-021: An Ordinance Approving A Permanent License Agreement With The Board Of Trustees Of The University Of Illinois For The Installation Of Utilities Along Mathews Avenue (Chilled Water Lines)

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report stating that the University has embarked on a \$40 million project to install chilled water lines serving buildings that replace old chilled water cooling systems throughout campus. Phase I includes water lines starting at the Clark Street and Mathews Avenue intersection and travels south on Mathews Avenue to Green Street. The lines will then run on the north side of Green Street to Wright Street and south on Wright Street to the intersection of John Street where there is an existing chilled water line. The contract is in the process of being awarded to Duce Construction Company.

The installation of these chilled water lines will cause a significant disruption within the Mathews Avenue right-of-way. The proposed agreement protects the City of Urbana insuring the proper repair and replacement of all its facilities. Where metered parking spaces will be taken out of service, the City will be reimbursed five dollars per day per metered space.

Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to send **Ord. No. 1999-04-021: An Ordinance Approving A Permanent License Agreement With The Board Of Trustees Of The University Of Illinois For The Installation Of Utilities Along Mathews Avenue (Chilled Water Lines)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried by a voice vote.

Downtown Bicycle Parking Report

Joe Smith presented staff report stating that the one thing that had been reviewed since bicycle parking was presented previously is signage. It was agreed that signage was needed at the parking deck where the racks are not visible from the street. The downtown brown with the white letters is recommend for those signs with the bicycle symbol and the arrow pointing down. The signs will be located on Main Street and Elm Street.

Ms. Huth suggested that a sign be placed at the back of the City Building to let the public know there is bicycle parking there.

Mr. Smith stated that the plan is to maybe put a rack in front of the building for the public and leave the rack in the back of the building for City employees.

Ms. Patt requested that the map be distributed to businesses that have bicycle customers so that

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those patrons know where bicycle parking is available.

Ms. Huth requested that an article along with the map be published in *Street Talk* to further increase public knowledge of the areas for bicycle parking.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Wyman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor, Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.