

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MAY 24, 1999

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Eddie Adair, Jack Waaler, Bill Gray, Glenn Berman, Doug Miller, April Getchius, Reed Berger, Bruce Stoffel, Fire Chief Rex Mundt and Bruce Walden

Others Present:

Jim Wyatt, Lester Pritchard, Barbara Pritchard, Vicki Steward, Arvin Gee, John Lee Johnson, and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

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

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Mayor Satterthwaite read a proclamation making June 5, 1999 Safe Night USA in the City of Urbana. The location for Safe Night USA celebrations in the City of Urbana is Phillips Recreation Center. The hours for activities are 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Hayes stated that UCAP is involved in the Safe Night USA activities.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 1999 meeting of the Committee of the

Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Jim Wyatt, 2302 Rainbow View, addressed the Committee regarding Ord. No. 1999-05-040: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (Country Squire and Lincolnwood Subdivisions). Mr. Wyatt expressed his concerns regarding the method of notification to the residents of the subdivisions and the problem of street repairs that had been anticipated in that area.

Lester and Barbara Pritchard and Vicki Steward, representing Citizens for HOMES (Housing Options Meeting Equity Standards) addressed the Committee regarding a new concept in home design called Visitability. The program is about building new homes that allow homeowners to invite their acquaintances with disabilities into their homes.

Alvin Gee, 2213 Rainbow View, addressed the Committee with his concerns regarding Ord. No. 1999-05-040: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (Country Squire and Lincolnwood Subdivisions).

John Lee Johnson, representing Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement, addressed the Committee in support of Ord. No. 1999-05-038: An Ordinance Approving An Agreement Providing For The Mutual Release Of Obligations Under A Certain Contract For Sale As To 708 Sunset Drive, Urbana, Illinois and Ord. No. 1999-05-039: An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate (708 Sunset Drive).

Brick Sidewalk Waiver For Canaan Academy

Public Works Director Bill Gray stated that the Department of Public Works received a request from Canaan Academy to extend the sidewalk to the main entrance on the east side of the Academy further than they originally requested. The original request was about 15 feet across the front entryway. Because of the grade differences they need to go further to the north and south to meet the proper grade. This is a total of 60 feet. Reverend Tatum's request is to convert this 60 feet from brick to concrete.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved to grant the **Brick Sidewalk Waiver For Canaan Academy** for the 60 feet on the west side of Central Avenue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

Brick Sidewalk Policy

Mr. Gray stated that at the March 8, 1999 meeting of the Committee of the Whole, the Committee passed a motion that brick sidewalk recommendations presented by staff were in accord with the desires of the Committee for a change to the brick sidewalk ordinance. After review, staff finds no additional issues that need discussion.

The brick sidewalk repair costs reflect the cost to repair in brick or replace with concrete any brick sidewalk that is rated in hazardous, poor, or in overgrown condition. Whether a brick sidewalk is repaired or replaced in concrete will be determined by the definition of major brick walk blocks or by property owner preference in the non-major brick walk blocks.

The cost estimate shows the impact of a 15-year sidewalk repair program. There would be a funding level of \$75,000 per year. This cost would come from the Capital Replacement and Improvement Fund. The cost estimate includes in-house work that is already a part of the Public Works Operations Division Concrete Repair and Replacement Program.

If Council is ready to proceed, staff will prepare actual ordinance language change as well as a resolution endorsing policy guidelines for Council approval.

Following debate, Mr. Gray stated that a sense of the council vote would be sufficient direction for staff. Chair Taylor requested a show of right hands of Committee members in favor of the guidelines staff has recommended. The recommendations were approved by a show of hands vote.

Ord. No. 1999-05-038: An Ordinance Approving An Agreement Providing For The Mutual Release Of Obligations Under A Certain Contract For Sale As To 708 Sunset Drive, Urbana, Illinois and Ord. No. 1999-05-039: An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate (708 Sunset Drive)

Chair Taylor requested that the above listed ordinances be considered in omnibus fashion.

Grants Management Manager Bruce Stoffel presented staff report stating that the first ordinance provides for the return of 708 Sunset Drive to the City by the Urbana School District. The second ordinance provides for the donation of that lot to Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement (ICfCI) for use in the HomeBuild program.

The issues before Committee are whether the City wants to release Urbana School District 116 from its obligation to construct a single family residence on that lot through its Construction Trades Program and whether the City wants to have a house built at 708 Sunset by ICfCI.

Transfer of this property from one construction program to another would have no fiscal impact on the City. Down payment assistance funds for the household purchasing 708 Sunset Drive through the HomeBuild3 Program have already been budgeted by the City through the HOME Program.

Mr. Hayes moved to send **Ord. No. 1999-05-038: An Ordinance Approving An Agreement Providing For The Mutual Release Of Obligations Under A Certain Contract For Sale As To 708 Sunset Drive, Urbana, Illinois and Ord. No. 1999-05-039: An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Certain Real Estate (708 Sunset Drive)** to Council for approval. Ms. Wyman seconded the motion.

Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ord. No. 1999-05-040: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (Country Squire and Lincolnwood Subdivisions)

Economic Development Coordinator Reed Berger presented staff report. Staff is requesting that Committee consider the annexation of the unincorporated sections of Country Squire and Lincolnwood subdivisions located south of E. Washington Street, north of E. Florida Avenue, and with the exception of several lots, east of Kinch Street.

When the City annexed the Weller properties, the corporate boundaries of the City surrounded the remaining unincorporated properties located in Country Squire Estates and Lincolnwood subdivisions. Because the City completely surrounds these two subdivisions, each being less than 60 acres in area, State law permits the City to pass an ordinance automatically annexing the territory into the City.

Although significant infrastructure improvements are needed in the area, it appears that revenues will meet expenditures over the next ten years if the City annexes the property in 1999. Staff recommends the Committee of the Whole forward **Ord. No. 1999-05-040** to Council for approval.

It was agreed by staff to do a notice stating that this annexation would be discussed at the June 7, 1999 Urbana City Council meeting for the residents of the Country Squire and Lincolnwood Subdivisions. This notification would be done by placing door hangers at each residence in order to assure that all the residents receive notification.

Mr. Gray addressed Mr. Wyatt's concern about the street resurfacing stating that the City could probably make those repairs in the summer of 2000. Before that resurfacing is done, there needs to be some repair for some drainage problems considered.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to send **Ord. No. 1999-05-40: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory To The City Of Urbana (Country Squire and Lincolnwood Subdivisions)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

Ord. No. 1999-05-041: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Fire Truck Rehabilitation); Ord. No. 1999-05-042: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Multi-Family Recycling Promotion); Ord. No. 1999-05-043: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Equipment Services Overtime) and Ord. No. 1999-05-044: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Snow Storm Costs)

Chair Taylor requested that the above listed ordinances be taken in omnibus fashion. There were

no objections.

Comptroller Ron Eldridge presented staff report for the ordinances.

Ord. No. 1999-05-041 authorizes \$19,751 incurred for major rehabilitation for some equipment transferred to the City from the University of Illinois. **Ord. No. 1999-05-042** authorizes \$3,500 for promotional costs of the multi-family recycling program. **Ord. No. 1999-05-043** authorizes \$11,969 in additional overtime costs for the city mechanics in the Equipment Services Fund due to the addition of a number of additional major pieces of equipment to be maintained. **Ord. No. 1999-05-044** authorizes \$31,789 in overtime and equipment rental costs that were incurred during the winter snow storm. This amount was reimbursed by a grant from F.E.M.A.

Ms. Patt moved by omnibus motion to send **Ord. No. 1999-05-041: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Fire Truck Rehabilitation)**; **Ord. No. 1999-05-042: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Multi-Family Recycling Promotion)**; **Ord. No. 1999-05-043: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Equipment Services Overtime)** and **Ord. No. 1999-05-044: An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (Snow Storm Costs)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Budget Markup

Ms. Patt moved to send the adopting ordinance, **An Ordinance Approving The Annual Budget** to Council for approval. Ms. Kearns seconded the motion.

Ron Eldridge presented a budget change that lowered the amount the City contributes to the Illinois Municipal Fund (IMRF) by almost 25%. This change reflects a continued growth in the stock market. The amount of \$100,000 was removed from the IMRF portion of the levy and added it to the general fund. Mr. Eldridge recommended that the \$100,000 be contributed to the Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund. (Copy of memo re: Changes to the Budget Document for FY99-2000 attached.)

Chair Taylor reviewed the other changes which were made at the budget review meeting on May 19, 1999. Those changes will be added to the next packet for Council review.

Mr. Eldridge stated that there is \$4,250.00 more money in the Social Service Agency Fund because there was a contract from 1997 that was not fulfilled and that money goes back into the fund to be programmed for other uses. The money will not be changed for the coming year so the budget does not have to be changed.

Ms. Kearns moved to approve the Consolidated Social Service Funding FY 1999-2000 as passed out by Ms. Patt prior to this meeting. (See copy attached.) The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

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Mr. Whelan moved to delete the \$10,000 proposed to be given to Planned Parenthood. The motion died for lack of a second.

The motion to send **An Ordinance Approving The Annual Budget** to Council for approval carried by voice vote.

Ms. Patt moved that Committee enter into closed session for the purpose of discussion property acquisition. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried 7-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan, and Wyman – 7; voting nay: none.

Committee entered into closed session at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Ms. Wyman moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote. Chair Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor, Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

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CORRECTIONS TO THE MAY 22, 1999
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Ms. Wyman requested that the minutes reflect a change in a name on page 2, paragraph 3, "Alvin Gee" should be "Arvin Gee". There were no objections to this change.