

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JUNE 28, 1999

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

John Taylor (excused).

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Eddie Adair, Jack Waaler, Bill Gray, Bruce Stoffel, Rod Fletcher, Mike Loschen and Bruce Walden

Others Present:

Tom Berns, Gary Burgett, and Susan McGrath, all representing the Mayor's Focus Group on Downtown Parking, and 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

Mayor Satterthwaite requested that AFSCME Contract Settlement be added to the agenda as item 12. There were no objections.

Mayor Satterthwaite read a proclamation that will be given to the family of the late Frieda Wascher in honor of her many years of dedication to the City of Urbana.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 1999 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

There was none.

Parking Focus Group Recommendations/Presentation

Public Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti stated that Committee Members received information from the focus group reviewing the three primary parts of the recommendations. Those three items will be discussed this evening. The only action requested this evening is for Committee to accept the report with a motion accepting the work of the group. The group would then come back at a later date with required implementation.

Mr. Pioletti introduced Tom Berns who discussed the goals portion of the report. These goals include:

- Integration with the Downtown Urbana Comprehensive Plan
- Options for adequate customer/visitor parking in the downtown area
- Options for adequate employee parking downtown area
- Utilization of all the existing parking infrastructure in the downtown area
- Consideration of new and/or expanded parking infrastructure in the downtown area
- Rental and meter rate changes to promote desired behavior
- Consideration of the number and location of rental spaces versus meters
- Reconsideration of ticket issuing policies in the downtown area
- Need for on-going review every six months

Following discussion on the above items, Mr. Pioletti introduced Gary Burgett who discussed the following parking issues:

- Shortage of customer and/or visitor parking
- Employees occupying customer spaces
- Lack of employee spaces for any new occupancy

- Limit of acceptable walking distances
- Under utilization of existing parking resources
- Lack of a current comprehensive plan
- Parking deck

Following debate on these parking issues, Susan McGrath discussed the plan proposed to help alleviate these parking issues. That plan includes:

- Updating the Downtown Comprehensive Plan
- Revising the ticket issuing policy in the downtown area
- Revising the duration of certain "on-street" meters
- Implementation of recommendations of the parking study related to "off-street" rental parking
- Reconfiguration of the parking deck operation
- Initiation of an employee shuttle parking system
- Amending Lincoln Square parking agreements
- Evaluating future parking deck expansion
- Establishing an on-going review of the parking system
- Development of a public education program

The recommendations of the Parking Focus Group represent an integrated plan to help solve current parking problems in downtown Urbana. The group believes this process should be evolving in nature with periodic reviews. The recommendation outlined by the group will provide downtown Urbana with viable parking solutions for several years to come.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to send **Parking Focus Group Recommendations** to Council for acceptance. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

Ord. No. 1999-06-059: An Ordinance Approving The Champaign-Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System 1999-00 Annual Budget

Environmental Manager Rod Flectcher presented staff report on this ordinance. This is the proposed annual operating budget for the Champaign-Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System (CUSWDS) for the 1999-00 fiscal year.

The CUSWDS provides certain post-closure care activities at the Urbana Landfill Complex, as required under the terms of the Hoesman Agreement, wherein the Cities agreed with adjacent property owners to perform such activities for a thirty year period, ending in November 2018.

Staff recommends approval of the budget as presented.

Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to send **Ord. No. 1999-06-059: An Ordinance Approving The Champaign-Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System 1999-00 Annual Budget** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Ord. No. 1999-06-060: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H Of Section 8-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs At Certain Intersections (Rainbow View Court at Rainbow View Drive, Myra Ridge Drive at Amber Lane and Amber Lane at Stone Creek Boulevard)

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report stating that this ordinance is from action taken by the Traffic Commission recommending placement of stop signs for northbound Myra Ridge Drive at Amber Lane and eastbound Amber Lane at Stone Creek Boulevard. These stop signs are warranted under Section 2B-5 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

The other location in the ordinance is for placement of a stop sign for southbound Rainbow View Court at Rainbow View Drive. This location is a Tee-intersection and southbound vehicles restrict the view.

The Traffic Commission recommends that the stop signs be installed.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to forward **Ord. No. 1999-06-060: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H Of Section 8-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs At Certain Intersections (Rainbow View Court at Rainbow View Drive, Myra Ridge Drive at Amber Lane and Amber Lane at Stone Creek Boulevard)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

Res. No. 1999-06-028R: A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Administration Of A Champaign/Urbana/Rantoul/Champaign County HOME Investment Partnerships Consortium and Res. No. 1999-06-029R: A Resolution Authorizing Execution Of An Agreement To Participate In A Champaign/Urbana/Rantoul/Champaign County HOME Investment Partnerships Consortium

Grants Management Manager Bruce Stoffel and Grants Coordinator II Mike Loschen presented staff report on these resolutions in omnibus fashion. The effect of these resolutions would be to replace the current agreements the City of Urbana has with Champaign and Champaign County administering the HOME Consortium with new agreements that would add the Village of Rantoul to the Consortium effective July 1 of the year 2000.

Following debate, Ms. Kearns moved to send **Res. No. 1999-06-028R: A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Administration Of A Champaign/Urbana/Rantoul/Champaign County HOME Investment Partnerships Consortium** and **Res. No. 1999-06-029R: A Resolution Authorizing Execution Of An Agreement To Participate In A Champaign/Urbana/Rantoul/Champaign County HOME Investment Partnerships Consortium** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Ord. No. 1999-06-061: An Ordinance Approving An Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement – HomeBuild 3 – FY 1999-2000)

Mr. Stoffel and Mr. Loschen presented staff report stating that this is an agreement that was authorized in the FY 1999-2000 Annual Action Plan which provides funding for HomeBuild 3B, which is the construction of ten (10) new homes in Champaign-Urbana; four (4) in Urbana and six (6) in Champaign. Visitability is included in the agreement as a requirement .

Mr. Loschen reviewed a Summary of Amended Sections to an Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement (HomeBuild3 – FY 1999-2000). (See copy attached.)

The Community Development Commission and Community Development staff recommend City Council approval.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to send **Ord. No. 1999-06-061: An Ordinance Approving An Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement – HomeBuild 3 – FY 1999-2000)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried by a voice vote.

City Building Plaque

Mayor Satterthwaite presented staff report stated that there were some corrections that need to be made to the plaque due to the misspelling of Ms. Wyman's name and the omission of initials of Ms. Clark and Mr. Hayes' name as well as the reference to Aldermen when there are women on the Council. The suggested change is to use Council Members rather than Aldermen.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved to accept the changes and have each Council Member pay an equal portion of the cost of the corrections. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to amend the motion to state that the funds to make the corrections be taken from the building fund. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns.

Following further debate, the motion carried by a 5-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Committee Members: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, and Wyman – 5; voting nay: Whelan – 1.

The main motion, as amended, carried 5-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Committee Members: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, and Wyman – 5; voting nay: Whelan – 1.

AFSCME Contract And Budget Amendment

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that what is before the Committee is a brief explanatory memo and **An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 31, Local 1331, An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (AFSCME Contract Settlement)** and a strikeout version of the tentative agreement with AFSCME Council 31, Local 1331.

The current contract expires June 30, 1999. The term of the new agreement is for four (4) years. Mr. Walden discussed the various changes in the agreement.

The budget amendment covers the increase in the salary for the Animal Control Officer.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved to send **An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 31, Local 1331, and An Ordinance Revising The Annual Budget Ordinance (AFSCME Contract Settlement)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns.

Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Ms. Wyman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor, Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.