

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 7, 1999**

The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 7, 1999, in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

There being a quorum, Mayor Satterthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

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: Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Police Lieutenant Jim Page, Jack Waaler, April Getchius, Kim Gerstein, Patrick Hudson, Bill Gray, and Bruce Walden.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderwoman Patt moved to approve the minutes of the Monday, August 16, 1999 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION

Ginny Dewar, representing Crisis Nursery, addressed the Council in support of

Ord.No.1999-09-086: An Ordinance Approving A Major Variance To Reduce The Minimum Required Front Yard Setback From 15 Feet To 8 Feet, 6 Inches (1305 and 1307 W. Hill Street, 706 and 708 N. Romine Street – Case No. ZBA-99-GV-5).

Susan Frobish, owner of 308 W. Nevada, addressed the Council requesting a compromise on **Ord. No. 1999-09-087: An Ordinance Approving A Major Variance To Reduce The Minimum Required Side Yard Setback From 5 Feet To 0 Feet (306 W. Nevada – Case No. ZBA-99-GV-6).**

The following people addressed the Council in support of **Ord. No. 1999-09-087: An Ordinance Approving A Major Variance To Reduce The Minimum Required Side Yard Setback From 5 Feet To 0 Feet (306 W. Nevada – Case No. ZBA-99-GV-6):**

Lois Steinberg, 306 W. Nevada
Kathleen E. Evans, 311 W. Nevada
Trent Shepard, 409 W. Oregon
Thom Fehrmann, 305 W. Nevada
Diane Marlin, 307 W. Nevada

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

Mayor Satterthwaite reviewed the status of the **Norfolk And Southern Disposition** and requested a motion to formalize recommendations to 1) direct staff to bring back an ordinance to convey the City owned railroad right-of-way adjacent to Scottswood Manor to the adjacent property owners to the west and after replatting is done, bring back an ordinance to convey outlot 2 to School District 116; 2) to advertise for sale outlots numbers 1 and 3; and 3) to dispose of the remaining unclaimed parcels to the property owner immediately behind the said parcels or offer it to the property owners north or south of the parcel that remains unclaimed.

Alderman Whelan moved to approve Mayor Satterthwaite's request. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kearns. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Alderman Taylor moved **Approval Of Closed Meeting Minutes** for the following dates: May 3, 1999; June 21, 1999, in part; and July 6, 1999. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

The next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, September 13, 1999 in the Urbana City Council Chambers at 400 South Vine Street.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Fire Chief Rex Mundt presented a review of the first year of joint fire service with the University of Illinois.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that there is a joint meeting of the Urbana City Council and the Urbana Free Library Board on September 21, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Urbana Free Library Auditorium. As a part of that meeting there will be a tour of the Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Planner Patrick Hudson presented staff report on **Ord. No. 1999-09-086: An Ordinance Approving A Major Variance To Reduce The Minimum Required Front Yard Setback From 15 Feet To 8 Feet, 6 Inches (1305 and 1307 W. Hill Street, 706 and 708 N. Romine Street – Case No. ZBA-99-GV-5).**

Ginny Dewar, Executive Director for the Crisis Nursery, is requesting a major variance to the front yard setback along W. Hill Street. The new Crisis Nursery facility will occupy the lots located at 1305 and 1307 W. Hill Street and 706 and 708 N. Romine Street. The lots are contiguous and are located in an R-2, Single Family Residential Zoning District.

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 to approve the proposed major variance and staff concurs.

Alderman Taylor moved to approve **Ord. No. 1999-09-086: An Ordinance Approving A Major Variance To Reduce The Minimum Required Side Yard Setback From 15 Feet To 8 Feet , 6 inches (1305 and 1307 W. Hill Street, 706 and 708 N. Romine Street – Case No. ZBA-99-GV-5)**. 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 – 7; voting nay: none.

Community Development Director April Getchius reviewed the ZBA findings in favor of **Ord. No. 1999-09-087: An Ordinance Approving A Major Variance To Reduce The Minimum Required Side Yard Setback From 5 Feet To 0 Feet (306 W. Nevada – Case No. ZBA-99-GV-6)**.

Mrs. Getchius then presented staff findings in opposition to the variance. Staff recommends that this ordinance be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

Following debate, Alderwoman Kearns moved that **Ord. No. 1999-09-087: An Ordinance Approving A Major Variance To Reduce The Minimum Required Side Yard Setback From 5 Feet To 0 Feet (306 W. Nevada – Case No. ZBA-99-GV-6)** be tabled to the September 13 Committee of the Whole meeting and staff be directed to add the appropriate language indicating the Council's acknowledgement that the property to the west at 308 W. Nevada Street may have sufficient hardship to warrant a similar setback variance at the time of building of a garage and/or fence; and that staff be further directed to prepare A Resolution Regarding A Potential Major Variance for 308 W. Nevada Street for the same September 13 Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Whelan.

Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Mrs. Getchius presented staff report on **Ord. No. 1999-09-088: An Amendment To The Comprehensive Plan Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Plan Case #1721-CP-99 – North Cunningham**

Avenue) stating that this proposal would amend the Urbana Comprehensive Plan to illustrate a greater area of commercial land use north of Interstate 74 and along Cunningham Avenue. The amendment includes a text change to the Comprehensive Plan Goal No. 155.500.

At its August 26, 1999 Special Meeting, the Urbana Plan Commission voted to forward this amendment as presented in this ordinance to Council for approval. Staff concurs.

Following debate, Alderman Hayes approve **Ord. No. 1999-09-088: An Amendment To The Comprehensive Plan Of The City Of Urbana, Illinois (Plan Case #1721-CP-99 – North 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 – 7; voting nay: none.

Mrs. Getchius presented **Ord. No. 1999-09-089: An Ordinance Approving An Annexation Agreement With The Pickerill Family Trust** for Council consideration. This annexation agreement is for a parcel consisting of approximately 26 acres and generally located at the northeast corner of Interstate 74 and Route 45. The City has targeted the Pickerill property for annexation as it is a prime commercial location.

The Plan Commission forwarded this proposed agreement to the City Council with a recommendation for approval. Staff concurs and recommends approval of the Pickerill Annexation Agreement.

Following debate, Alderwoman Patt moved to approve **Ord. No. 1999-09-089: An Ordinance Approving An Annexation Agreement With The Pickerill Family Trust**. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wyman and carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Council: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan, Wyman, and Mayor Satterthwaite – 8; voting nay: none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Satterthwaite declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Tod Satterthwaite
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

* This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television

AMENDMENT TO SEPTEMBER 7, 1999 MINUTES

Alderman Patt noted a correction on page 5, paragraph 2, and first sentence. It should read: "Following debate, Alderman Hayes *moved to* approve. . ." There were no objections to the correction. The minutes were approved as amended.