

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (APPROVED FEB.14)

January 24, 2000

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Laura Huth (arrived at 7:34 p.m.), Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt, John Taylor (Chair), Joe Whelan and Ruth Wyman

Committee Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Eddie Adair, Bill Gray, Steve Holz and Bruce Walden

Others Present:

Cope Cumpston 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

Ms. Kearns stated that there will be a meeting of the Champaign-Urbana Cable and Telecommunications Commission on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 in the Champaign City Council Chambers.

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that there will be a joint meeting of the Urbana City Council and the Urbana Free Library Board in the Urbana Free Library auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2000.

Mr. Whelan addressed the Committee regarding a group in his ward that do not wish to have streetlights installed in their neighborhood and inquired if the plan can be modified to exclude this area?

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2000 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Cope Cumpston, representing the Human Relations Commission, addressed the Committee in support of the proposed amendments to the Human Rights Ordinance.

Ord. No. 2000-011-007: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Between The Illinois Department Of Transportation And The City Of Urbana (Goodwin Avenue Bike Path)

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report stating that what the Committee is considering at this meeting is a result of a successful request for a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation for a Goodwin Avenue bike path. This sets in motion the funding the City will receive. The work will be done by staff. Tentative completion of the bike path is summer of 2001.

Mr. Hayes pointed out that the agenda references an Ordinance when in fact the packet includes two resolutions. Mr. Gray said it should be resolutions.

A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Between The Illinois Department Of Transportation And The City Of Urbana authorizes The Mayor and City Clerk to execute and deliver the agreement on behalf of the City of Urbana.

A Resolution Providing For The Preliminary Engineering Of A Bike Path On Goodwin Avenue From Springfield Avenue To Bradley Avenue And On Clark Street From Mathews Avenue To Goodwin Avenue sets the amount and how the funds are to be paid for our share of the project.

The above mentioned resolutions replace **Ord. No. 2000-011-007: An Ordinance Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Between The Illinois Department Of Transportation And The City Of Urbana (Goodwin Avenue Bike Path)**.

Following debate, Ms. Huth moved to send **A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Between the Illinois Department Of Transportation And The City Of Urbana** and **A Resolution Providing For The Preliminary Engineering Of A Bike Path On Goodwin Avenue From Springfield Avenue To Bradley Avenue And On Clark Street From Mathews Avenue To Goodwin Avenue** to Council for adoption. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Human Rights Ordinance Amendments (Proposed)

Ms. Patt stated that the proposed amendments are a result of discussions that started last summer

at the Human Relations Commission meetings. Ms. Patt reviewed the proposed amendments. (See copy attached.) Words that are stricken are not removed; they are reorganized in a new section.

Mayor reviewed items that staff questioned regarding these amendments:

Ms. Patt moved to send **Human Rights Ordinance Amendments (Proposed)** to Council with the recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth.

Ms. Kearns made a friendly amendment to change the wording in Sec. 12-82 (a) 1 at the end of the ninth line to indicate that it would be " twenty-eight days of the date on which the complaint was received **by the respondent**". The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder.

Ms. Wyman moved to change Section 12-82 (c) to add at the end of the paragraph **"along with a copy of this section describing the complainant's right to appeal."** The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Patt moved to amend Section 12-22 (b) subsections 7 and 8 adding the words **"in accordance with Section 12-81."** to the end of each. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Following debate, Mayor Satterthwaite reviewed other staff concerns. Chair Taylor addressed those concerns.

Chair Taylor moved to modify Section 12-82 (b), line 5 from "twenty-eight (28) days" to **"forty-two days"**. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Huth moved to change "his" to **"his/her"** in the second line of Section 22 (d). The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Whelan communicated his concerns regarding the power given to the Commission.

Chair Taylor made an amendment under Section 12-82 (e) in the first line, following "majority vote" and before "to either:" to add **"of the body hearing the appeal"**. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Patt moved to add **"sex,"** between "color" and "religion" in Section 12-22 (a), line 6 and to add **"gender,"** Between "religious," and "ethnic" in Section 12-22 (c), line 2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to amend Section 12-81-1 by adding, **"The officer shall keep records of all complaints made to the Human Relations Office whether or not a formal complaint has been filed."** The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns and carried by a voice vote.

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Following further debate, Ms. Kearns called the question.

The motion to send the **Human Rights Ordinance Amendments (Proposed)**, as amended, to Council for approval carried 6-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor and Wyman – 6; voting nay: Whelan – 1.

Mayor Satterthwaite thanked the Committee for taking the time to go over the proposed amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor, Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

**AMENDMENT TO THE JANUARY 24, 2000
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

Ms. Patt requested to amend the January 24, 2000 Committee of the Whole minutes by deleting the final sentence of paragraph one (1), page three (3), which states "Words that are stricken are not removed; they are reorganized in a new section."

There were no objections. The minutes were approved as amended on February 14, 2000.