

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000 - 7:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Taylor (Chair); James H. Hayes, Jr.; Laura Huth; Carolyn Kearns; Esther Patt; Joseph A. Whelan, Jr.; Ruth Wyman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Jack Waaler; Eddie Adair; Rex Mundt; Ronald Eldridge; April Getchius; William Gray; Delora Siebrecht; Glenn Berman

OTHERS PRESENT: Willeta Donaldson; Naomi Jakobsson; Lester Pritchard; Cope Cumpston; Hiram Paley; Members of the Media

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Taylor called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

There were no additions to the agenda.

April Getchius (Community Development Director) informed the Committee that the Women in Transition report would be ready next week.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

April 24, 2000 - Ms Wyman made a motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2000. Ms Huth seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Representatives of the Urbana Human Relations Commission (Willeta Donaldson, Chair; Cope Cumpston; Naomi Jakobsson; and Lester Pritchard) addressed the Committee in support of their budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2000-2001. Ms Donaldson read into record the budget request for the Human Relations Commission. (See attached.)

Hiram Paley, 706 W. California, addressed the Committee with concerns about parking near the U of I Campus.

Cope Cumpston, 402 W. Nevada, addressed the Committee with a request that council packets and back-up materials be provided for the public at council meetings. She also made a suggestion that the agenda be published in the newspaper.

Committee Member Input

There was none.

5. **LIBRARY EXPANSION FINANCE AGREEMENT**

Fred Schlipf (Director/Urbana Free Library) presented a report to the Committee.

Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Patt seconded.

Mayor Satterthwaite spoke in support of the Agreement and recommended approval.

Chair Taylor expressed words of appreciation to Carolyn Kearns, Fred Schlipf, Esther Patt, Bruce Walden, and Mayor Satterthwaite for their efforts in getting this process started.

The motion carried by voice vote. This item will be placed on the next Council agenda.

6. **SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING LATE APPLICATIONS**

Debate was entered regarding the acceptance of late applications for social service funding. Whereas, the City Council makes a very positive effort to review all applications in a timely manner in order to appropriate funding accordingly, it was the consensus of members present that a deadline for accepting applications had to be enforced. Applicants are aware of the deadline for submittals at the time applications are taken out.

With regard to late applications received thus far, Mr. Whelan made a motion to accept late applications submitted as of this meeting date. No further applications will be considered. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ANNUAL BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) made a presentation on the City's budget for FY 2000-2001. In his address, Mr. Walden elaborated on issues such as taxes being reduced, expenses lowered, a larger carry forward balance for the City, the Urbana Free Library expansion, the increase in capital improvement costs, and other budgetary issues. He also reviewed department budget proposals. [Note: A copy of the City's budget may be viewed at the City Clerk's Office, or the City's Website at www.city.urbana.il.us.]

Ms Patt asked that staff get back to her concerning how the expenses were determined on page 31 of the budget with regard to social service agencies. Other questions raised concerned the amount budgeted for mini-vans and the exact number included in that total, and why there was a decrease in the Police Department's Criminal Investigation Program. Staff will have a response to these questions at the next Committee meeting.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2000-05-046: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET
ORDINANCE (LAKESIDE TERRACE FACILITIES RENOVATION GRANT)**

Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. **NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT FUND**

April Getchius (Community Development Director) presented the staff report.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN QUESTIONS**

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented the staff report.

Mrs. Kearns made a motion to send the ordinance to Council for approval. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 2000-05-044: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FINES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-10(j)(1) OF THE URBANA CITY CODE (LOCAL TRAFFIC
FINES)**

Jack Waaler presented the staff report.

Mrs. Kearns made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

12. **ORDINANCE NO. 2000-05-045: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-18 OF THE
URBANA CITY CODE (MINIMUM FINE SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS)**

Mr. Waaler presented the staff report.

Mrs. Kearns made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Mr. Hayes seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

13. **ORDINANCE NO. 2000-05-047: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS
RELATING TO TAXICAB LICENSES**

Mr. Waaler presented the staff report.

Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: _____