

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

May 22, 2000

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Eddie Adair, Glenn Berman, Ron Eldridge, April Getchius, Bill Gray, Fire Chief Rex Mundt, Fred Schlipf, Libby Tyler, and Bruce Walden

Others Present:

Tim Shea 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

There were none.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mrs. Kearns moved to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2000 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Ms. Patt requested to amend the minutes on page 1, second paragraph under item number 2 to change "Women in Transition" to "Families in Transition" and on page 2, second paragraph under item number 5 to change to send "this item" to read to send "the ordinance approving a first amendment to the Library Expansion Agreement". There were no objections. The May 8, 2000 minutes were approved as amended by a voice vote.

Public Input

Tim Shea, representing T.I.M.E.S. Center, addressed the Committee in support of their application for a Social Service Grant.

Consultant Agreement For Technical Services To Prepare An Eligibility And Financial Feasibility Study For A Potential Tax Increment Finance District

Planner Libby Tyler presented staff report stating that the consulting firm of Peckham, Guyton Albers & Viets, Inc. (PGAV) was hired in late 1999 to prepare a feasibility study for a potential tax increment finance district (TIF) to be located along the proposed Olympian Drive, North Lincoln Avenue and North Cunningham Avenue corridors. The study was requested in response to a need to provide major infrastructure funding for the Olympian Drive extension in an area that is currently contained within the Champaign School District. A TIF District would have provided a way to divert property tax revenues toward the proposed improvement. As the City's short-term commitment to the extension has changed, the initial reason for creation of a TIF District has changed.

Because the conditions that led to the retention of PGAV have now changed, staff is seeking direction from Council on how to proceed. The agreement with PGAV has been structured so that the City may seek termination after the completion of any phase. Task A has been completed.

Following debate regarding the reasons to consider completion of the consultant's study and issues that way in favor of not completing the consulting contract, Mr. Taylor moved that staff complete the current agreement with PGAV to prepare an eligibility and financial feasibility study for a potential TIF District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan.

Following further debate, the motion carried by a voice vote. Committee action is sufficient. This item does not need to go to Council.

Annual Budget Mark-up

Ms. Patt moved to send the FY 2000-2001 Annual Budget to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kearns.

Ms. Patt moved to amend the motion regarding the budget for the Human Relations Division to increase the line item Book and Periodicals by \$350 to \$500; Commission Training line item to be increased by \$1,000 to \$2,000; Printing Services line item to be increased by \$400 to \$500; change Martin Luther King Speaker/Grants to Special Events and increase it by \$400 to \$1,900; add a Grants Sponsorship Line Item in the amount of \$800 and add a Community Education line item in the amount of \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Taylor moved a \$17,000 one-time transfer from Public Works proposed transfer to reserves for a storage shed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Taylor moved to change Office Supplies from \$1,400 to \$3,500 in the City Clerk's budget to cover the cost of permanent record books. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. City Clerk Phyllis Clark stated that Comptroller Ron Eldridge has informed her that the cost of those books could be taken from the General Supplies Fund for the City, so the clerk's office will not need the increase. Mr. Taylor withdrew his motion.

Ms. Huth moved to put \$25,000 in the Economic Development Fund from General Reserves for a downtown promotional project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Patt moved to include the Social Service Funding Grant amounts in the budget totaling \$130,800 from the City and \$34,600 of Community Development Block Grant Funds to be divided as listed on the attached sheet. (Also included on the attached sheet is the amount provided by Cunningham Township.) The motion was seconded by Ms. Kearns. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Taylor moved to send A **Resolution Regarding City Funding For Expansion Project Of The Urbana Free Library** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Taylor moved to include in the budget the following increase for elected official salaries: an increase in the City Clerk's salary for the last two months of FY 2000-2001 by \$873 and the Mayor's salary for the same time frame, by \$997. That is an increase of 15%. To entire increase would be over a period of 4 years. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kearns.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan requested to amend the motion to include the Council in that motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor moved to separate the motion to include the Council from the original motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

The motion to increase Council Members salaries by 15% failed 2-5 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Members of the Committee: Hayes and Whelan – 2; voting nay: Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor and Wyman – 5.

Following further debate, Chair Wyman moved to amend the main motion to a 10% increase for the elected officials. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, Mr. Taylor added a friendly clarification to Chair Wyman's amendment, stating that the actual numbers at 10% would break down to adding another \$656 to the City Clerk's salary, and adding another \$577 to the Mayor's salary. The motion to amend carried 6-1 by roll call vote. Voting aye were Committee Members: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, and Wyman – 6; voting nay: Whelan – 1.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the budget on page 46 of the supplementary expenditures report, under Major Equipment Purchases, to add under plows, a line item entitled City Clerk's Office Auto in the amount of \$16,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Following debate, Mr. Taylor stated that there would also be maintenance costs that staff would need to put into the budget for the life of the vehicle.

Following further debate, the motion to add the City Clerk's Office Auto line item carried by a voice vote.

Chair Wyman moved to change the split of the Administrative Secretary in the Executive Department from 40% in the Human Relations budget and 60% in the Executive Department's budget to 100% in the Executive Department's budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt.

Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

The motion to send the **FY 2000-2001 Annual Budget, as mended** to Council for approval carried by a voice vote.

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that at the next City Council there will be a memo that details the line item changes made at this meeting, a resolution on the library financing and the ordinance establishing salaries for the next mayor, council and city clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Wyman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

AMENDMENT TO THE MAY 22, 2000 MINUTES

Ms. Patt requested to amend the May 22, 2000 minutes of the Committee of the Whole with the following changes:

1. Pg. 2, ¶3, 2nd line, under "Consultant Agreement . . .": change "way" to read "weigh".
2. Pg. 3, ¶5, 3rd sentence: change "To" to read "The".
3. Pg. 3, ¶6: correct "Mr. Whelan requested" to "Mr. Whelan moved"; and delete last part of sentence which reads "in that motion" and replace with "salaries."
4. Pg. 3, ¶7: correct "include" to read "exclude"

The May 22, 2000 minutes of the Committee of the Whole were approved, as amended, on Monday, June 12, 2000.

APPROVED AS AMENDED: June 12, 2000