

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 22, 2001

7:30 P.M.

### Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Laura Huth, Carolyn Kearns, Esther Patt (Chair), John Taylor (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)  
Joseph Whelan, and Ruth Wyman - 7.

### Committee Members Absent:

None.

### Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Bill Gray, Pat Pioletti, Jack Waaler, and Bruce Walden.

### Others Present:

Members of the Media

### Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

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There being a quorum, Chair Patt called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

### Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Kearns moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2000 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whelan and carried by a voice vote.

### Public Input

Chair Patt stated that she had an inquiry from one of her constituents regarding the nuisance ordinance that had been discussed but had never been approved. Public Works Director Bill Gray stated

that an update would be presented at the February 12, 2001 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

**Resolution No. 2001-01-001R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement With the Illinois Department of Transportation (Cunningham Avenue/University Avenue/Vine Street); Resolution 2001-01002R: A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Cunningham Avenue/University Avenue/Vine Street); Ordinance No. 2001-01-004: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Cunningham Avenue/University Avenue/Vine Street); and Ordinance No. 2001-01-005: An Ordinance Regulating Encroachment on Public Right-Of-Way in the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois (Cunningham Avenue/University Avenue/Vine Street)**

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report on the above-mentioned resolutions and ordinances.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the City of Urbana wish to improve the intersection of Cunningham Avenue and University with regard to safety, increased traffic and vehicular delays at this intersection. The work will consist mainly of widening and resurfacing sections of University Avenue and Cunningham Avenue to create additional and longer turn lanes. IDOT will be responsible for preparing plans and receiving specifications, receiving bids and awarding the contract, furnishing engineering inspection during construction and causing the improvement to be build in accordance with the plans, specifications and contract. The funding split will be approximately 75% Federal Funds, 20% State of Illinois and 5% City of Urbana (\$70,000 which includes a 15% contingency).

**Resolution No. 2001-01-001R** authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and deliver the agreement on behalf of the City of Urbana. **Resolution No. 2001-01-002R** appropriates the necessary MFT funds for the project. **Ordinance No. 2001-01-004** meets the requirements of the Agreement to prohibit parking within the limits of this improvement. **Ordinance No.2001-01-005** meets the requirements of the Agreement to prohibit encroachments on public right-of-way within the limits of this improvement.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved by omnibus motion to forward **Resolution No. 2001-01-001R: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement With the Illinois Department of Transportation (Cunningham Avenue/University Avenue/Vine Street); Resolution 2001-01002R: A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (Cunningham Avenue/University Avenue/Vine Street); Ordinance No. 2001-01-004: An Ordinance Amending Schedule J of Section 23-183 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking at All Times on Certain Streets (Cunningham Avenue/University Avenue/Vine Street); and Ordinance No. 2001-01-005: An Ordinance Regulating Encroachment on Public Right-Of-Way in the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois (Cunningham Avenue/University Avenue/Vine Street)** to the special meeting of the Urbana City Council on January 29, 2001. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2001-01-002: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (City Building H.V.A.C. Improvements)**

Public Works Director Bill Gray and Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti presented staff report.

Approved in this fiscal year's budget is \$160,000 to provide engineering and construction funds to improve the heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system in the original city building. It is evident that the system needs to be replaced now and an improvement is required for heating and cooling in the staff offices and the Council Chambers.

Due to an investigation of the existing system and the specifics as to how a new HVAC system will be engineered and constructed, the budgeted figure was not adequate. The new projected total is \$210,000. It is recommended that the additional \$50,000 come from the General Reserve Fund. This would not affect any current projects scheduled for this calendar year.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

Following debate, Mrs. Kearns moved to send **Ordinance No. 2001-01-002: An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (City Building H.V.A.C. Improvements)** to the Special Council Meeting of January 29, 2001 for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2001-01-001: An Ordinance Regarding Residency of Civil Service Commissioners**

City Attorney Jack Waaler presented staff report. The Civil Service statute makes no mention of whether or not commissioners must be residents of the City that Commission serves. A section of the Illinois Municipal Code provides that no person is eligible for an appointed office unless they are a qualified elector of the city. That same statute states that the residency requirement does not apply to city engineers, city attorneys or other officers who require technical training or knowledge. It is unclear whether the exception would cover Civil Service Commissioners so it is best to be clear about the residency issue.

Staff suggests that it is in the City's best interests to clarify that residence in the City of Urbana is not a qualification to serve as a Commissioner of the Civil Service Commissions. This action is clearly within our home rule powers.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to send **Ordinance No. 2001-02-001: An Ordinance Regarding Residency of Civil Service Commissioners** to the Special Council Meeting on January 29, 2001 for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2001-01-003: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2000-11-140 Regarding Parking on Unapproved Surfaces and Associated Fines**

Mr. Waaler presented staff report stating that this ordinance amends ordinance 2000-11-140 where it made an incorrect reference to Section 23-159 of the Urbana Local Traffic Ordinance. The reference should have been to Section 23-160. This ordinance merely corrects that error.

Mr. Whelan moved to send **Ordinance No. 2001-01-003: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2000-11-140 Regarding Parking on Unapproved Surfaces and Associated Fines** to the Special

Council meeting on January 29, 2001. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

### **Closed Session**

Ms. Wyman moved that Committee enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth 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.

The Committee entered into closed session at 8:00 pm and reconvened at 8:25 p.m. with all Members previously in attendance still present.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Patt declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor  
Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was taped.

\*\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**