

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
APRIL 23, 2001**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan, and Wyman – 7.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Police Chief Eddie Adair, Economic Development Manager Reed Berger, Manager of Engineering & Administration Glenn Berman, Environmental Manager Rod Fletcher, Public Works Director Bill Gray, Grants Management Manager Bob Grewe, Environmental Manager Rod Fletcher, Mike Loschen, Doug Miller, Karen Rasmussen, City Clerk Phyllis Clark, Mayor Tod Satterthwaite, City Attorney Jack Waaler and Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

John Lee Johnson and Members of the Media.

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There being a quorum, Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND STAFF REPORT**

There were none.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2001, regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

**Capital Improvement Plan 10-Year Project List Update**

Public Works Director Bill Gray, Manager of Engineering & Administration Glenn Berman, and Engineering Project Coordinator Doug Miller presented staff report by reviewing revenue additions to the Capital Replacement and Improvement Fund.

There is approximately \$3,500,000 of funding projected to be allocated to the CIP over the next three fiscal years for street and storm sewer projects. Previously the Council allocated \$750,000 to these projects in the current fiscal year. Mr. Gray reviewed the projects to be covered by the additional funding (See attached memo from Douglas H. Miller and Glenn Berman to William R. Gray dated April 23, 2001.)

Following debate regarding some of the funding issues, Ms. Patt moved discussion of the **Capital Improvement Plan 10-Year Project List** be continued at the May 14, 2001 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2001-04-041: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana, Illinois (Riley Homes Lot / 2205 Philo Road)**

Economic Development Manager Reed Berger stated that staff is requesting consideration of the annexation of one unincorporated lot located at 2205 S. Philo Road. John North, one of the owners of Riley Homes, Inc., submitted an annexation petition as a prerequisite to obtain a building permit from the City and connect to the sanitary sewer.

The subject property is one of several properties surrounded by the city limits that have been targeted for involuntary annexation this year. Staff recommends that this ordinance be forward to Council for approval.

Mr. Whelan moved to send **Ordinance No. 2001-04-041: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana, Illinois (Riley Homes Lot / 2205 Philo Road)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2001-04-040: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Twenty-Five of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois Regulating Vegetation**

Environmental Manager Rod Fletcher reviewed changes to the following subsections as directed by Council at the April 16, 2001 meeting:

1. Section 11-62 (C) Regarding vegetation, which aids the harboring of rats, etc.
2. Section 11-62 (G) Regarding intentionally planted vegetation in excess of 8" in height
3. Section 11.62 (H) Regarding aggressively invasive vegetation encroaching on another property
4. Section 11-62 (I) Regarding visual blight has been clarified.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2001-04-040: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Twenty-Five of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois Regulating Vegetation** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2001-04-042: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement With Member Agencies of the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS)**

Bill Gray presented staff report. The existing cooperative agreement between the members of the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study document was approved in 1979. The Federal Transit Authority (FTA) has recently reviewed the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD). One of the FTA's findings was that the current CUUATS agreement is out dated and needs to be revised to make it compliant with present regulations. In the last three months CUUATS staff has developed a new interagency agreement. Mr. Gray reviewed that agreement (see copy attached).

Following debate, Mrs. Kearns moved to send **Ordinance No. 2001-04-042: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement With Member Agencies of the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

**Discussion: Annual Action Plan**

Grants Management Manager Bob Grewe presented staff report on the **Annual Action Plan**. The Annual Action Plan is a consolidated planning document describing the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds received by Urbana and the Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County HOME Consortium. The Annual Action Plan must be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 45 days prior to July 2001. The deadline for submittal to HUD's Chicago Office is May 17, 2001.

A second draft of the Annual Action Plan was prepared after hearing concerns regarding the contents of the first draft, especially those regarding the lack of funding for the construction of new, affordable homes. These concerns were brought forth at the March 26, 2001 meeting of the Community Development Commission.

Mr. Grewe reviewed the **City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan FY 2001-2002**. (See copy attached.)

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved a sense of the council motion that even though funds were borrowed from CDBG funds for the Community Center, the Community Center project is a not dead issue and that the City will be responsible for determining a program to evaluate the possibilities of the Community Center and get all of the people; the community, the school district and the park district. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Following further debate, John Lee Johnson was asked to address the Committee to express his opinion on the affordable housing for very low income families as presented in the Annual Action Plan.

At the conclusion of debate on the **Discussion: Annual Action Plan**, Chair Taylor stated that the item would be before Council on May 7, 2001.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor  
Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was taped.

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

**Minutes approved:**