

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2001 - 7:30 P.M.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Esther Patt (Chair); Danielle Chynoweth; James H. Hayes, Jr.; Laura Huth; Milton Otto; Joseph A. Whelan, Jr.; Ruth Wyman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite; Phyllis Clark; Bruce Walden; Stephen Holz; Eddie Adair; Robert Grewe; Michael Loschen

OTHERS PRESENT: Sher Hampel; David DeWeese; Preston L. Williams; John Muirhead; C. K. Gunsalus; Shirley Stillinger; Members of the Media

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

There being a quorum, Chair Patt called the meeting of the Committee Of The Whole to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

There was no staff report.

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

July 23, 2001 - Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held July 23, 2001. Ms Wyman seconded.

Chair Patt noted a correction on page 2 under Public Input. The minutes should be corrected to state that Linda Lorenz addressed the Committee in support of the residential parking plan, with a request that the boundaries be extended to the east if the problem moves eastward. There were no objections.

The motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2001 carried by voice vote, as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

The following people addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposed ordinance prohibiting truancy:

Sher Hampel, 314 Wheaton Avenue (Champaign), representing Illinois Christian Home Educators; and

Shirley Stillinger, 1003 S. Busey.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the proposed ordinance prohibiting truancy:

Representatives of Urbana School District:

David DeWeese (Principal/Urbana High School), 401 Beringer Circle;

Preston L. Williams (Deputy Superintendent), 501 N. Abbey Road;

John Muirhead (Urbana School District Adult Education); and

C. K. Gunsalus (President Urbana School District Board), 511 W. High Street.

Committee Member Input

There was none.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-08-089: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS (PROHIBITING TRUANCY)**

Stephen Holz (Assistant City Attorney) presented the staff report. Mr. Holz referenced concerns made regarding fines and clarified that the city was not interested in this issue in relation to truancy. He suggested that if the Council pursues this ordinance proposal, to eliminate any reference to fines.

Eddie Adair (Police Chief) was also available to answer questions. The Police Department's primary concern in this area is problem solving. The ordinance would be used as a tool that would help channel the School District and parents with some type of assistance. The officer who is assigned at the school as SRO (Student Resource Officer) would also act in the capacity of juvenile officer.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved to send this item to Council for approval. The motion died for lack of a second.

Following further debate, Mr. Whelan moved to postpone this issue for two weeks. The motion died for lack of a second. Debate ensued.

With the majority of Committee Members not in support of the proposed ordinance, it failed. This item may be presented again in the future.

Before moving on to the next item, Chair Patt called a five-minute recess at 9:55 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 10:05 p.m.

Due to the hour and since there was a representative of the Housing Authority waiting to address the Committee, Chair Patt requested to change the order of the agenda to hear discussion on agenda item #11 next. There were no objections.

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 2001-08-024R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATION OF THE PHA PLANS CONSISTENCY WITH THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

Robert Grewe (Grants Management Division Manager) presented the staff report. He introduced Mr. Larry Davis (Housing Authority of Champaign County), who answered questions of the Committee.

Ms Wyman moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms Chynoweth seconded.

Ms Wyman moved to amend her motion to state that with this certificate the City Council requests that the Housing Authority of Champaign County apply for Section 8 vouchers for people with disabilities each time a N.O.F.A. for such vouchers is issued by HUD, for which the HACC would be eligible. Compliance with this request shall be evaluated as part of the annual review by the City of Urbana of the PHA Plan of HACC. Mr. Hayes seconded.

Following debate, the motion to amend carried by voice vote.

The main motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval carried by voice vote, as amended.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-08-090: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (2001 POLICE BLOCK GRANT)**

Mayor Satterthwaite presented the staff report.

Ms Huth moved to send this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Otto seconded.

Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-08-091: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (ILLINOIS CENTER FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT - EADS AT LINCOLN FY 2000-2001)**

Michael Loschen (Grants Coordinator II) presented the staff report.

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

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-08-092: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (URBAN LEAGUE OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - LEASE PURCHASE FY 2001-2002)**

Mr. Loschen presented the staff report.

Debate was interrupted with a motion by Mr. Hayes to extend the meeting to 11:15 p.m., in accordance with Council rules for meetings not ended by 11:00 p.m. Ms Wyman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. Debate ensued.

Following debate, Ms Wyman made a motion to send this item to the August 27, 2001 Committee meeting, and that answers to questions made tonight be provided in that packet, along with a request that the Urban League respond to the issue of default. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-08-093: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE (1202 WEST BESLIN STREET)**

Mr. Loschen presented the staff report.

Ms Wyman moved to send this item to Council with recommendation for approval. Mr. Otto seconded.

Following debate, the motion carried by voice vote.

10. **ORDINANCE NO. 2001-08-094: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE (808 NORTH ROMINE STREET)**

Mr. Loschen presented the staff report.

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Patt declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: August 27, 2001