

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

August 27, 2001

7:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

James Hayes, Laura Huth, Danielle Chynoweth, Milton Otto, Esther Patt, Joseph Whelan, and Ruth Wyman (Chair) - 7.

Committee Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Adair, Reed Berger, Bill Gray, Bob Grewe, Mike Loschen, Pat Pioletti, Richard Rotramel, Delora Siebrecht, Libby Tyler, and Bruce Walden.

Others Present:

Brad Bowman and Members of the Media

Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

There being a quorum, Chair Wyman called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Walden stated that the Core Review Committee is continuing to meet on the search for the Community Development Director.

Mr. Walden stated that the Streetscape Design Committee has been actively meeting to finish up some of the recommended details needed for the design.

The Farm & Fleet project is underway.

Chair Wyman stated that there is a Downtown Planning Steering Committee meeting Monday, August 28, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center.

Public Works Director Bill Gray stated that a Scottswood Funding Survey Report was placed on Committee Members' desk this evening. An agenda item is coming up in September that will review the Scottswood drainage improvements.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Patt moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2001 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Otto and carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

Brad Bowman, representing the Longhorn Smokehouse, addressed the Committee in support of Ordinance No. 2001-08-100: An Ordinance Authorizing the Addition of Territory to the Enterprise Zone (Longhorn Smokehouse Project/1706 N. Cunningham Avenue).

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Economic Development Coordinator Reed Berger presented staff report stating that this is an application to amend the Enterprise Zone boundary to add a property at 1706 N. Cunningham. Brad Bowman recently purchased this property where he plans to construct a new building to house the Longhorn Smokehouse. Staff recommends approval of this application.

Following debate, Mr. Hayes moved to send this ordinance to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Parking Rate and Fine Increases Discussion

Finance Office Manager Delora Siebrecht and Buildings & Facilities Manager Pat Pioletti presented staff report on the parking rate and fine increases. Last month the University of Illinois, presented to the Urbana City Council the Campus Parking Master Planning Study detailing increases in their parking rental, meter and fine rates. The City of Champaign is considering parking meter and fine rate increases consistent with the University rates.

Ms. Siebrecht and Mr. Pioletti identified the issues involved and presented two options for Council consideration. (See August 23, 2001 memorandum from Pat Pioletti and Delora Siebrecht to Bruce Walden attached.)

Following debate, Mr. Whelan moved to forward Option 2, to increase the meter rate in the campus

district and hospital streets to \$.75 an hour, and fines in the campus and hospital streets area to \$10.00 for a meter violation, \$20.00 for a restricted fine and \$30.00 for a prohibited fine. In all areas of the city, a meter violation would increase to \$5.00 and restricted and prohibited fines would remain at \$10.00 and \$15.00 respectively. The motion was seconded by Mr. Otto.

Following debate, Mr. Otto made a friendly amendment to only raise the fees for the meter violations and leave the other fines at \$10.00 and \$15.00 as they are in the rest of the City. The amendment was acceptable to the mover.

Following further debate, Mr. Otto restated the motion as proposed to increase the meter rate on campus district and hospital streets to \$.75 per hour and fines on the campus and hospital streets are increased to \$10.00 for a meter violation and a meter violation in all other areas in the City increases to \$5.00. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2001-08-025R: Resolution Regarding the Efficient and Economical Design of the Urbana Free Library Expansion Project

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that this issue is brought forward by the Urbana Free Library Board and the Urbana Free Library Foundation Board. The resolution calls for the Library to be built in an economic and efficient manner with the concepts of green and sustainable buildings be incorporated in to the design and construction of the expanded Urbana Free Library.

Cameron Satterthwaite and Fred Schlipf were present to discuss the concept and answer questions.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to send **Resolution No. 2001-08-025R: Resolution Regarding the Efficient and Economical Design of the Urbana Free Library Expansion Project** to Council with recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth. Ms. Chynoweth suggested a friendly amendment to add, "The Council requests that the sustainable principals incorporated into the building plan be presented before Council." at the end of the last paragraph. There was no objection. The motion, as amended, carried by a voice vote.

Chair Wyman stated that there had been a request to move **Discussion of Urban League Lease Purchase Program** up for discussion at this time. There were no objections.

Discussion of Urbana League Lease Purchase Program

Jean Algee and Gail Atkinson presented an overview of their procedures for determining eligibility for a house and how the house payment is determined and responses to questions posed by the Committee at a previous meeting.

Following debate, Mr. Otto moved to forward the Subrecipient Agreement to Council with a

recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hayes. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Request for Contribution to Champaign County Workers' Memorial Committee

Chair Wyman stated that there is a request from the Champaign County Workers' Memorial Committee for a contribution of \$1,000 to the Workers' Memorial. The names of those who met an

untimely death at work will be inscribed in white letters on the black granite stones housed in the Memorial.

Mr. Otto moved to send the **Request for Contribution to Champaign County Workers' Memorial Committee** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Program Approval for Library Expansion Project

Executive Director Fred Schlipf was present to discuss the Library Expansion Project and answer questions from Committee Members.

Following extensive debate regarding the computers and workstations, as well as other features in the expansion, Mr. Whelan moved to send the **Program Approval for Library Expansion Project** to council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chynoweth and carried by a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2001-08-099: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Rutledge Drive at Florida Avenue; Kinch Street at Florida Avenue; Cottage Grove at Silver Street)

Public Works Director Bill Gray presented staff report stating the ordinance is for the placement of stop signs at the intersections of Rutledge Drive at Florida Avenue; Kinch Street at Florida Avenue; and Cottage Grove at Silver Street. These stop signs are needed and warranted under Section 2B-5 of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Traffic Commission considered these locations at its August, 2001 meeting and recommends that the stop signs be installed.

Mr. Whelan moved to send **Ordinance No. 2001-08-099: An Ordinance Amending Schedule H of Section 23-93 of the Urbana Local Traffic Code Requiring Stop Signs at a Certain Intersection (Rutledge Drive at Florida Avenue; Kinch Street at Florida Avenue; Cottage Grove at Silver Street)** to Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

Discussion of Cancellation of September 17, 2001 City Council Meeting

Chair Wyman stated that this change is requested due to the fact that Monday, September 17th is Rosh Hashanah and there was a desire to either cancel meeting or forward it to September 18, 2001.

Ms. Patt moved that the September 17, 2001 regular city council meeting which conflicts with the Jewish High Holiday, Rosh Hashanah be canceled. A special city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2001 at which all rules for regular meetings shall apply. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huth. Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Wyman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes approved: