

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 28, 2002

7:30 P.M.

### Committee Members Present:

Laura Huth (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Danielle Chynoweth (Chair), Milton Otto, Esther Patt, and Ruth Wyman - 5.

### Committee Members Absent:

James Hayes and Joseph Whelan – 2 (excused).

### Staff Members Present:

Phyllis Clark, Mayor Satterthwaite, Police Chief Adair, Reed Berger, Bill Gray, Fire Chief Mundt, Pat Pioletti, Fred Schlipf, Libby Tyler, and Jack Waaler.

### Others Present:

Lori Goshen, Kermit Hardin, Rick Morley, Bruce Knight, Tom Costello, Bill Volk, Jerry Payonk and Members of the Media

### Meeting Location:

Urbana City Council Chambers

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There being a quorum, Chair Chynoweth called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. (Ms. Chynoweth chaired the meeting in Mr. Hayes' absence.)

### Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

There were none.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Wyman moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2002 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt. Ms. Patt requested to amend the minutes on page 1, under **Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report** by replacing the second and third paragraphs with the following: "Bruce Walden (Chief Administrative Officer) presented the Budget Timetable. Chair Wyman

stated the Wednesday, May 15 social service presentation would begin at 7:00 p.m.” There were no objections. The minutes were approved as amended.

### **Public Input**

There was none.

### **Ordinance No. 2002-01-005: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (Beringer Commons Subdivision #3 / 2909–2922 E. Rutherford Drive)**

Economic Development Coordinator Reed Berger presented staff report. On August 20, 2001 Ordinance No. 2001-08-096 was passed which amended the original annexation agreement with Ivan Richardson and East Urbana Development Corporation. This ordinance incorporated some of the language from the court settlement related to the “Big Grove” initiative.

The net result of the accelerated annexation of these five lots benefits both the City and the homeowner. The City receives revenues three years earlier and the homeowner gets a seven-year tax reimbursement versus the standard five-year property tax rebate. Staff recommends that this ordinance be forwarded to Council for approval.

Mr. Berger stated that there is an error in the ordinance in the first paragraph where it states “and the Affidavit of mailing such Notices was duly recorded with the Recorder of Deeds at Champaign County, Illinois, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2002” should state the date as “the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2002”.

Ms. Patt moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-01-005: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (Beringer Commons Subdivision #3 / 2909–2922 E. Rutherford Drive)**, with the date amended, to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

### **Ordinance No. 2002-01-006: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (Freedom Oil Co. / 1812 B, Cunningham Avenue)**

Mr. Berger presented staff report. The Freedom Oil Company, a family-owned business located in Bloomington, Illinois submitted a petition to annex a 0.656-acre of land located at 1812 N. Cunningham Avenue as a prerequisite to obtain a permit for connection to the sanitary sewer system. Staff recommends that this request be forwarded to City Council for approval. Mr. Berger stated that, as with the previous ordinance, the date in the first paragraph should be changed from the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2002, should be changed to the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2002.

Ms. Patt moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-01-006: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Urbana (Freedom Oil Co. / 1812 B, Cunningham Avenue)**, with the date amended, to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2002-01-007: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement**

Fire Chief Rex Mundt presented staff report. For several years the Fire Chiefs of Champaign County have considered the development of a MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division within the County. MABAS originated in Northern Illinois for the purpose of improving access to fire and other emergency services during large-scale incidents. The program has proven itself during many major fires and natural disasters. Staff recommends approval.

Ms. Wyman moved to send **Ordinance No. 2002-01-007: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement** to council for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Patt and carried by a voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2002-01-008: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement Between Fire and Emergency Service Organizations in Champaign County**

Fire Chief Mundt presented staff report. This ordinance revises and updates the previous document, which is 10 years old. Staff recommends approval.

Following debate, Ms. Patt moved to forward **Ordinance No. 2002-01-008: An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Mutual Aid Agreement Between Fire and Emergency Service Organizations in Champaign County** to Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman and carried by a voice vote.

**Resolution No. 2002-01-003R: A Resolution Approving the Schematic Design of the Urbana Free Library Addition/Renovation**

Mayor Satterthwaite stated that this is the next step in the Library expansion and renovation. Fred Schlipf, Executive Director of the Urbana Free Library and Lori Goshen representing Isaksen-Glerum PC Architects presented the schematic design. (See attached Schematic Design Report dated January 18, 2002.)

Following debate regarding the reduction in size and the elevation of cost of the project, Ms. Patt moved that the City Council and the Library Board meet jointly at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Library Board to further discuss this plan and that members of the Library Board Foundation also be invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wyman.

Following extensive debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

**Discussion: Wright Street and Green Street Intersection Improvements**

Public Works Director Bill Gray stated that this discussion will attempt to answer questions and concerns put forth by Committee Members at the December 10, 2001 Committee of the Whole meeting regarding Green Street improvements.

Mr. Gray stated that the costs for the east leg of Green and Wright Streets intersection is \$140,000 and the proposed modifications to the east leg of the Springfield Avenue and Wright Street intersection is \$80,000. The University of Illinois has committed to the City that they would pay 50% of the local costs (\$110,000) for these intersection improvements.

Staff needs direction from the Committee, by motion, to: 1) approve construction of the east leg of Green Street and Wright Street, and Springfield Avenue and Wright Street and 2) develop with the University of Illinois and the City of Champaign and intergovernmental agreement for the sharing of costs for the east leg of Green Street and Wright Street intersection and Springfield Avenue and Wright Street intersection.

Bill Volk, representing the MTD; Jerry Payonk, representing Clark-Dietz; and Bruce Knight, representing the City of Champaign joined Mr. Gray in answering questions from Members of the Committee.

Following debate, Ms. Wyman moved that Council supports the Wright Street and Green Street intersection improvements and the Springfield and Wright Street improvements that have been detailed to the Committee so long as the split is 80% University of Illinois and 20% City of Urbana. The motion was seconded by Mr. Otto.

Following debate, the motion carried by a voice vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Chynoweth declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Taylor  
Recording Secretary

\*This meeting was taped.

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

**Minutes approved: February 11, 2002**